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## SUMMARY

An investigation was undertaken on an airplane model with drooped horizontal tail and a highly tapered wing of aspect ratio 2.8 and  $45^\circ$  sweep. The investigation was designed to determine what improvements in the control of leading-edge stall would be possible with the use of area suction on a leading-edge flap and with the leading-edge flap used with a modified or bulbous leading edge and a chord extension. Two spans of area-suction trailing-edge flap were tested. The tests were made at a Reynolds number of  $8.9 \times 10^6$ .

For both spans of trailing-edge flaps, the use of area suction on the leading-edge flap produced more constant stability near maximum lift than was obtained without area suction on the leading-edge flap in a previous investigation. The addition of the modified leading edge and the chord extension to the leading-edge flap with area suction increased the maximum lift coefficient of the order of 0.3 above that measured with the area-suction leading-edge flap alone.

## INTRODUCTION

Results of tests on a large-scale model are reported in reference 1 with a wing of  $45^\circ$  sweep, aspect ratio 2.8, taper ratio 0.17, and with area suction applied to the trailing-edge flap. In that investigation, attempts were made to control leading-edge air-flow separation, in particular near the wing tip, by means of a plain leading-edge flap and a modified or bulbous leading edge. Although some improvements in the lift, drag, and stability characteristics of the model were made, it was found that the stall control effectiveness of the leading-edge flap with

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or without the modified leading edge was seriously restricted by the occurrence of air-flow separation behind the knee of the leading-edge flap. The investigations of references 2 and 3 concerning two other wing plan forms found boundary-layer control by porous area suction at the knee of the flap extremely effective in delaying air-flow separation. The question remains; however, whether area suction could be successfully applied to the wing of reference 1 which had a smaller aspect ratio and taper ratio and a thinner wing section than the wings of references 2 and 3.

The model of reference 1 was used in the present investigation but had area suction applied to the knee of the leading-edge flap. The objective of the tests was to develop leading-edge configurations which would control stall and give higher values of  $C_{L_{max}}$  and better longitudinal stability. Most of the leading-edge configuration changes were either (1) spanwise changes in leading-edge flap deflection and (2) changes in spanwise extent of the modified leading edge, or combinations of these. Limited testing was done with a chord extension installed on the outer portion of the wing. The trailing-edge flaps with area suction remained deflected during the tests and two spans of flap were tested.

#### NOTATION

- a chordwise location of forward edge of porous surface, deg (see  
figs. 3(b) and 3(c))
- b wing span, ft
- c chord, measured parallel to the plane of symmetry, ft
- $\bar{c}$  mean aerodynamic chord,  $\frac{2}{S} \int_0^{b/2} c^2 dy$ , ft
- $C_D$  drag coefficient,  $\frac{\text{drag}}{qS}$
- $C_L$  lift coefficient,  $\frac{\text{lift}}{qS}$
- $C_{L_{max}}$  value of  $C_L$  corresponding to lowest value of  $\alpha$  for  $\frac{dC_L}{d\alpha} = 0$
- $C_{L_S}$  value of  $C_L$  at which the wing tip stalled
- $C_{L_{stab}}$  value of  $C_L$  at which stability has begun to decrease

$C_m$	pitching-moment coefficient computed about the quarter-chord point of the mean aerodynamic chord, $\frac{\text{pitching moment}}{qSc}$
$C_Q$	flow coefficient, $\frac{Q}{US}$
$C_{Qc}$	critical flow coefficient (value of $C_Q$ at which $C_L$ became approximately constant with increasing $C_Q$ )
$l$	chordwise extent of porous area, in. (see fig. 3(c))
$l_t$	distance from the quarter-chord point of the mean aerodynamic chord to horizontal-tail reference line, ft
L.E.	leading edge
$p$	free-stream static pressure, lb/sq ft
$p_d$	average duct static pressure, lb/sq ft
$p_l$	local-surface static pressure, lb/sq ft
$P$	airfoil pressure coefficient, $\frac{p_l - p}{q}$
$P_d$	average duct pressure coefficient, $\frac{p_d - p}{q}$
$q$	free-stream dynamic pressure, lb/sq ft
$Q$	volume of air removed through porous surface, based on standard density, cu ft/sec
$R$	radius
$S$	wing area, sq ft
$T$	airplane thrust, lb
T.E.	trailing edge
$U$	free-stream velocity, ft/sec
$V$	airplane velocity, knots
$V_{min}$	minimum flying speed, knots
$V_{stab}$	velocity at which static stability has begun to decrease, knots

W	weight of airplane, lb
y	perpendicular distance from plane of symmetry, ft
z	perpendicular distance above the extended wing chord plane, ft
$\alpha$	angle of attack, deg
$\delta_n$	leading-edge flap deflection, measured in plane normal to the hinge line, deg
$\eta$	spanwise distance, $\frac{y}{b/2}$
$\rho$	density, slugs/cu ft
$\Lambda$	sweep angle, deg
$\Delta p$	pressure drop across porous material, lb/sq ft

#### MODEL AND APPARATUS

##### Model

The model as mounted in the 40- by 80-foot wind tunnel is shown in figure 1 and is identical in most respects to the one reported on in reference 1. A drawing of the model is shown in figure 2, and additional geometric data are given in table I. The wing of the model had a sweep of the quarter-chord line of  $45^\circ$ , an aspect ratio of 2.8, and a taper ratio of 0.17. Airfoil sections parallel to the model symmetrical center line were modified NACA 0005-63 sections, the coordinates of which are listed in table II. The modification consisted of a straight-line fairing from the 67-percent chord station to the trailing edge.

A leading-edge flap was installed on the wing and was hinged near the lower surface of the wing. Area suction could be applied to the knee of the leading-edge flap. The leading-edge flap was hinged at the 12-percent chord line (streamwise) and consisted of three spanwise sections with breaks parallel to the model plane of symmetry at 0.21, 0.40, 0.70, and 1.0 of the wing semispan. A particular flap deflection combination will hereinafter be referred to in the order  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , which will refer to  $30^\circ$  for  $\eta = 0.21$  to  $0.40$ ,  $50^\circ$  for  $\eta = 0.40$  to  $0.70$ , and  $60^\circ$  for  $\eta = 0.70$  to  $1.0$ .

A small-span and a large-span trailing-edge flap were used during the tests. The small-span flap had a constant chord and extended from  $\eta = 0.21$  to  $0.46$ . The large-span flap was formed by combining the

small-span flap with an outboard flap which had a constant 25-percent chord and extended from  $\eta = 0.46$  to  $0.66$ . It should be noted that a discontinuity of the hinge lines of the outboard and inboard flaps at  $\eta = 0.46$  caused a small chordwise slit in the large-span flap at this point but no attempt was made to seal this slit. A flap deflection of  $60^\circ$  was maintained throughout the tests.

The fuselage and side-inlet duct configurations were identical to those of the model of reference 1. A swept horizontal tail which was drooped  $15^\circ$  was mounted with its root chord  $0.21$  of the wing semispan above the extended wing-chord plane. The tail was set at  $0^\circ$  incidence for all tests.

### Boundary-Layer Control System

Duct and pumping system.- The suction systems employed on the leading- and trailing-edge flaps are shown in figure 3(a). Air was drawn from the flaps through the wing ducts and plenum chambers into the blowers and then was exhausted through the exhaust ducts beneath the fuselage. The pumps were modified aircraft engine superchargers driven by variable-speed electric motors. The flow quantity was obtained by measuring the pressure difference between the plenum chamber and the inlet pipe to the blower; this system was calibrated against standard ASME intake orifices. Wing duct pressure measurements were obtained from static pressure taps inside the duct located at  $0.25$ ,  $0.37$ ,  $0.52$ ,  $0.62$ ,  $0.75$ , and  $0.90$  of the wing semispan.

Porous surface.- The flaps were constructed with the porous surface in the vicinity of the knee of the flaps as shown in figure 3(b) and (c) for the leading- and trailing-edge flaps, respectively. The porous material was composed of  $0.008$ -inch-thick electroplated metal mesh sheets, 11-percent porous with 4225 holes per square inch, backed with  $1/16$ -inch-thick white wool felt. The permeability of the felt with the metal mesh sheet for the leading- and trailing-edge flaps is shown in figure 3(d) and reference 1 (fig. 3(c)), respectively. Chordwise extent and position of the porous opening were controlled by covering portions of the porous surface with  $0.003$ -inch-thick nonporous tape. The porous openings used in the tests are shown in table III for both leading- and trailing-edge flaps. Aside from brief tests with the leading-edge flap at a constant deflection from  $\eta = 0.21$  to  $1.0$ , the porous area on the leading-edge flap was always sealed between  $\eta = 0.21$  and  $0.40$ .

### Wing Modifications

During the investigation, a modified leading edge and a chord extension were installed on the wing leading edge. Details of these leading-edge modifications are shown in figure 4, and contour ordinates are listed in table IV.

Modified leading edge.- The modified leading edge was obtained by increasing the leading-edge radius from 0.36 (for the basic wing) to 0.90 percent of the wing chord (normal to the leading edge) with a slight amount of camber near the leading edge. Several spanwise extents of modified leading edge were tested which extended from the wing tip inboard to points coinciding with leading-edge flap breaks at  $\eta = 0.4, 0.6,$  and  $0.7$ .

Chord extension.- The plain chord extension was obtained by extending the plain leading edge forward (see fig. 4(b)) from  $\eta = 0.7$  to  $1.0$ . The resulting chordwise contour had a discontinuity in slope where the chord extension met the wing surface. A modified leading edge similar in contour to that described above was installed on the plain chord extension for some of the tests.

### TESTING AND PROCEDURE

Force and moment data were obtained for the model through an angle-of-attack range of  $-4^\circ$  to  $28^\circ$ . The model configurations for which force and moment data were obtained are listed in table V. All tests were made at a Reynolds number of  $8.9 \times 10^6$ , based on the mean aerodynamic chord. This Reynolds number corresponded to a free-stream dynamic pressure of 15 pounds per square foot and a Mach number of  $0.10$ .

### Tests at Variable Angles of Attack

For the model with the small-span trailing-edge flap deflected  $60^\circ$ , with area suction on both leading- and trailing-edge flaps, the following leading-edge configurations were investigated: (1) the leading-edge flap with plain leading edge deflected  $50^\circ$ , part span ( $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ ) or full span ( $\eta = 0.21 - 1.0$ ), (2) the leading-edge flap deflected various amounts along the wing span, (3) the leading edge modified for various spanwise extents combined with the more effective leading-edge flap deflection configurations, and (4) the chord extension mounted on the deflected leading-edge flap both with and without the modified leading edge. Other tests were made for the model with the large-span trailing-edge flap deflected  $60^\circ$  both with and without area suction, and for the

model with the small-span trailing-edge flap without area suction. The leading-edge configurations used in these latter tests were those found most effective in controlling flow separation with the small-span area-suction flap.

During these tests,  $C_Q$  for the leading-edge flap was increased with increasing angle of attack so that the values of  $C_Q$  were set well above  $C_{Q_c}$  for all portions of the angle-of-attack range. It was found that as long as  $C_Q$  was greater than  $C_{Q_c}$  at each angle of attack, the force and moment characteristics for a given model configuration were independent of suction flow quantity and chordwise extent of porous opening.

Throughout the test,  $C_Q$  for the trailing-edge flap was held at values of approximately 0.0006 and 0.0012 for the small- and large-span flaps, respectively. These values were well above  $C_{Q_c}$  for the respective flaps.

#### Tests With Variable Suction Flow at Constant Angle of Attack

The leading-edge flap suction flow quantity was varied at constant values of angle of attack near that for  $C_{L_{max}}$  for some of the more effective leading-edge configurations tested. Several chordwise extents and locations of the porous openings were investigated, two of which are reported herein.

#### Corrections to Data

All data corrections were identical to those described in reference 1.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table V may be used as an index to figures 5 through 13, in which force and moment data obtained during the present investigation are presented. In several of the figures, results are compared with those obtained with two of the most effective wing configurations previously tested (ref. 1).

## Force and Moment Characteristics of the Model

Effect of area suction on the leading-edge flap.- It was noted in reference 1 that with no area suction more than  $40^\circ$  nose flap deflection was ineffective in controlling leading-edge flow separation. The effect of applying area suction to the leading-edge flap deflected  $50^\circ$  over the best spanwise extent found in reference 1 is shown in figure 5. The onset of flow separation on the outer portion of the wing is indicated by the initial and abrupt changes in model stability as shown by the  $C_m$  versus  $C_L$  curves of figure 5. It is shown that area suction was instrumental in delaying this flow separation approximately  $5^\circ$  in angle of attack or 0.2 in  $C_L$ .

Comparison of the full-span and part-span leading-edge flap.- As shown by the data of figure 6 with area suction on the leading-edge flap, a higher value of  $C_{L_{max}}$  could be obtained with a part-span leading-edge flap than with a full-span flap. However, the use of the part-span leading-edge flap resulted in marked longitudinal instability at large values of  $C_L$ . As was shown in the investigation of reference 1, these differences between the part-span and full-span flap were also obtained without area suction on the leading-edge flap.

Spanwise adjustment of leading-edge stall control.- The results just discussed indicated that while area suction on a leading-edge flap was an effective means of leading-edge stall control, the spanwise distribution of stall control would have a strong effect on  $C_{L_{max}}$  and longitudinal stability. Determination of the stall control configurations giving the highest values of  $C_{L_{max}}$  while retaining longitudinal stability was a trial and error process. The leading-edge configurations used consisted of the following either alone or in combination: spanwise changes in leading-edge flap deflection, a modified leading edge of several spanwise extents, and a chord extension installation. Force and moment data for the model configurations tested during this phase of the investigation are presented in figures 7 through 10 for the model with the small-span trailing-edge flap and in figures 11 and 12 for the large-span flap.

Summary of results with the small-span trailing-edge flap: Values of  $C_{L_{max}}$  and stability criteria are listed in the following table for the more significant model configurations with the small-span trailing-edge flap deflected. The next to last column answers the question whether or not the pitching-moment variation above the break in the curve was stable and in the last column are values of the lowest  $C_L$  at which stability changes occur.

Figure no.	Leading-edge configuration		$C_{L_{max}}$	Stable	$C_{L_{stab}}$
	Leading-edge flap	Wing leading edge			
6	0°, 50°, 50°	Plain	1.41	No	1.10
6	50°, 50°, 50°	Plain	1.23	No	1.20
9(b)	30°, 50°, 60°	Plain	1.31	No	1.30
7	0°, 50°, 50°	Modified ( $\eta = 0.7-1.0$ )	1.46	No	1.11
8	30°, 40°, 50°	Modified ( $\eta = 0.7-1.0$ )	1.39	No	1.36
8	30°, 50°, 50°	Modified ( $\eta = 0.7-1.0$ )	1.51	Nearly neutral	1.50
9(b)	30°, 50°, 60°	Modified ( $\eta = 0.7-1.0$ )	1.49	No	1.47
9(b)	30°, 50°, 60°	Modified ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	1.58	Nearly neutral	1.51
10(a)	30°, 50°, 60°	Chord extension	1.50	No	1.38

As had been expected, it became immediately evident from the tests that, in general, extremely large spanwise changes in leading-edge stall control requirements existed for the wing, the most effective control being required on the outer portion of the wing or near the tips. It was also found, however, that, as more effective stall control was applied to the outer portion of the wing, it became necessary to augment stall control on the inner portion of the wing.

Comparison with previous tests: In the present tests, the most effective configuration found from a standpoint of  $C_{L_{max}}$  and model stability consisted of the 30, 50, 60 leading-edge flap deflection with the modified leading-edge installed near the wing tip. Results of tests with this flap deflection with and without the modified leading edge and results of tests with the most effective leading-edge configuration found in the investigation of reference 1 are presented in figure 13. Along with the improvement in  $C_{L_{max}}$  obtained with the more effective wing configurations in the present tests, a major improvement was obtained in model stability in the angle-of-attack range close to that of  $C_{L_{max}}$ .

Values of  $C_{L_s}^1$  obtained from both investigations are presented in figure 14 for various values of leading-edge flap deflection with and without the modified leading edge. These data show that the change in  $C_{L_s}$  due to the modified leading edge was constant throughout the range of leading-edge flap deflections considered. In addition, results shown in the figure demonstrate that area suction was needed to increase  $C_{L_s}$  for flap deflections above  $\delta_n = 15^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  for the modified leading edge and plain leading edge, respectively. The use of area suction in the present investigation insured further improvement with increasing flap deflection up to  $\delta_n = 60^\circ$ , the largest leading-edge flap deflection investigated.

<sup>1</sup>Values of  $C_L$  for tip stall,  $C_{L_s}$ , determined by pressure measurements are presented in figure 14 together with values of  $C_L$  at the occurrence of abrupt stability changes. It is noted that, in general,  $C_{L_s} = C_{L_{stab}}$ .

Chord extension compared with the modified leading edge: From the data of figure 10(b), it is evident that for equivalent spanwise locations ( $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ ) the chord extension produced the same value of  $C_{L_{max}}$  as did the modified leading edge. However, with the chord extension, destabilizing pitching-moment variations were experienced at values of  $C_L$  lower than with the modified leading edge.

Summary of results with the large-span trailing-edge flap: The tests with the large-span trailing-edge flap deflected were limited to those leading-edge configurations found most effective with the small-span trailing-edge flap. Force and moment data obtained with the large-span flap are presented in figures 11 and 12.

Values of  $C_{L_{max}}$  as well as values of  $C_L$  for initial stability break are presented in the following table for the cases of both trailing-edge flap spans, with and without suction on the trailing-edge flap.

Figure no.	Trailing-edge flap		Leading-edge flap deflection	Wing leading edge	$C_{L_{max}}$	$C_{L_{stab}}$
	Span	Suction				
9(b)	Small	On	30°, 50°, 60° ↓	Plain	1.31	1.30
12(b)	Large	On		Plain	1.34	1.30
9(b)	Small	On		Modified ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	1.58	1.51
12(b)	Large	On		Modified ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	1.64	1.54
9(a)	Small	Off		Modified ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	1.45	1.30
12(a)	Large	Off		Modified ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	1.46	1.25

Comparison of the above values indicates that in general only slight, if any, improvement in  $C_{L_{max}}$  and  $C_{L_{stab}}$  were obtained by increasing the flap span. There was a tendency for the stability break at or near  $C_{L_{max}}$  to be unstable, with either span of trailing-edge flap, particularly with area suction on. Comparisons of the data of figures 9 and 12 show that the severity of this unstable break was much greater for the model with the large-span trailing-edge flap.

It seems evident then that more effective leading-edge stall control devices than those used in the present tests must accompany the use of a larger span flap before the lift advantage of the flap in the high lift range (high angle of attack) would become significant.

## Low-Speed Level Flight Performance

Changes in stall control made in the present investigation may be evaluated in part with reference to figure 15. In that figure, variations of thrust required for level flight with airspeed<sup>2</sup> are presented for leading-edge configurations which represent various degrees of leading-edge stall control obtained during the tests. Approximate values of minimum flying speed (defined as the velocity corresponding to  $C_{L_{max}}$ ),  $V_{min}$ ,  $1.30 V_{min}$ , and the limiting speed for near constant stability,  $V_{stab}$ , are listed in the following table.

Small-span flap - suction on					
Leading-edge flap			$V_{min}$	$1.30 V_{min}$	$V_{stab}$
Deflection	Suction	Wing leading edge			
0°, 40°, 40°	Off	Plain	111	144	138
30°, 50°, 60°	On	Plain	114	148	115
30°, 50°, 60°	On	Chord extension	104	135	112
30°, 50°, 60°	On	Modified L.E. ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	103	134	107
Large-span flap - suction on					
30°, 50°, 60°	On	Plain	115	150	118
30°, 50°, 60°	On	Modified L.E. ( $\eta = 0.6-1.0$ )	102	133	108

## Suction Requirements for the Leading-Edge Flap

Suction flow requirements.- As noted earlier, for most of the tests, the suction quantity used at the leading edge was held well above that required to maintain attached flow. For the best leading-edge arrangement found, tests were made at an angle of attack close to  $C_{L_{max}}$  to

<sup>2</sup>The data are presented as values of  $T/S$  and  $V$ , where:

$$\frac{T}{S} = \frac{W}{S} \frac{C_D}{C_D \sin \alpha + C_{L'} \cos \alpha}, \quad V = 0.592 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \left( \frac{W/S}{C_{L'} + C_D \tan \alpha} \right)}$$

and

$$C_{L'} = C_L + \frac{\bar{c}}{l_t} C_m$$

determine the minimum value of  $C_Q$  required to attach the flow. At lower angles, a lesser value would be required, as shown in references 2 and 3 and as indicated by the data of figure 16. One adjustment of position and extent of porous area was made to determine if lower values of  $C_Q$  were possible. The results of these studies are shown in figure 17. The lowest value of  $C_Q$  for flow attachment was about 0.0010. That some reduction was possible indicates that lower values might be achieved with such methods as changes in spanwise and chordwise extent of porous surface permeability.

Duct and minimum external pressure.- Spanwise variation in duct and minimum external pressure are presented in figure 18 for the porous area configurations considered in figure 17. An examination of figures 17 and 18 shows that the duct pressures may be increased to, or slightly above, the minimum external pressure near the wing tip before any appreciable reduction in wing lift occurred for the model with the larger porous opening (porous area 1). With the smaller porous opening, considerably more suction pressure was required to maintain attached air flow.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

From the present investigation concerning the use of area suction on the leading-edge flap as well as from tests on additional wing configurations embodying a modified or bulbous leading edge and a chord extension, the following results were found for two spans of trailing-edge flaps.

The use of area suction on the knee of the leading-edge flap resulted in nearly constant stability up to angles of attack near that of  $C_{L_{max}}$ . There was no marked increase in  $C_{L_{max}}$  with the use of the area-suction leading-edge flap with the plain leading edge. Increases in  $C_{L_{max}}$  of the order of 0.3 were obtained when wing modifications such as a bulbous leading edge or a chord extension, installed principally near the wing tip, were combined with the area-suction leading-edge flap.

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TABLE I.- GEOMETRIC DATA

Wing	
Area, sq ft . . . . .	334.8
Span, ft . . . . .	30.62
Mean aerodynamic chord, ft . . . . .	12.77
Root chord, ft . . . . .	18.69
Aspect ratio . . . . .	2.8
Taper ratio . . . . .	0.17
Sweep angle, deg	
Leading edge . . . . .	51.70
Quarter-chord line . . . . .	45.36
Trailing edge . . . . .	14.18
Small-span flap (T.E.)	
Area, sq ft . . . . .	20.44
Flap span, percent wing semispan . . . . .	25.0
Constant streamwise chord, ft . . . . .	2.67
Sweep angle of hinge line, deg . . . . .	14.18
Large-span flap (T.E.)	
Area, sq ft . . . . .	35.73
Flap span, percent wing semispan . . . . .	45.0
Sweep angle of hinge line, deg	
$\eta = 0.21 - 0.46$ . . . . .	14.18
$\eta = 0.46 - 0.66$ . . . . .	26.84
Fuselage	
Length, ft . . . . .	62.50
Maximum width, ft . . . . .	4.50
Fineness ratio in wing chord plane . . . . .	13.9
Horizontal tail (drooped 15°)	
$S_t/S$ . . . . .	0.197
$b_t/b$ . . . . .	0.54
$l_t/\bar{c}$ . . . . .	1.51
Aspect ratio . . . . .	4.16
Taper ratio . . . . .	0.296
Sweep angle of quarter-chord line, deg . . . . .	39.4

TABLE II.- COORDINATES OF THE NACA 0005 (MODIFIED) SECTION  
PARALLEL TO MODEL SYMMETRICAL CENTER LINE

Station, percent chord	Ordinate, percent chord
0	0
1.25	.789
2.50	1.089
5.00	1.481
7.50	1.750
10.00	1.951
15.00	2.228
20.00	2.391
25.00	2.476
30.00	2.501
40.00	2.419
50.00	2.206
60.00	1.902
67.00	1.650
70.00	1.500
80.00	1.000
90.00	.500
100.00	0
L.E. radius: 0.275-percent chord	

TABLE III.- POROUS AREA CONFIGURATIONS USED IN THE INVESTIGATIONS

## (a) Leading-edge flap

Porous area no.	a, deg and l, in.	Station, $\eta$					
		0.21	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0
1	a	20	20	20	20		20
	l	4.6	3.2	3.1	1.7		1.2
2	a		25	25	25	24	24
	l		2.2	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.6

## (b) Trailing-edge flap

Porous area no.	a, deg and l, in.	Station, $\eta$			
		Inboard flap		Outboard flap	
		0.21	0.46	0.46	0.66
4	a	30	30	Undeflected	
	l	2	2		
5	a	24	24	Undeflected	
	l	3	3		
6	a	24	24	24	24
	l	3	3	3	3

TABLE IV.- COORDINATES OF SEVERAL MODIFIED LEADING-EDGE SECTIONS  
PERPENDICULAR TO LEADING EDGE OF PLAIN WING

Modified leading edge on wing					
Station, percent chord	Ordinate, percent chord		Station, percent chord	Ordinate, percent chord	
	Upper surface	Lower surface		Upper surface	Lower surface
0	-0.60	-0.60	2.00	1.06	-1.71
.05	-.29	-.89	2.50	1.21	-1.71
.10	-.18	-1.01	3.00	1.38	-1.70
.25	.07	-1.22	3.50	1.42	-1.68
.50	.35	-1.42	4.00	1.49	-1.67
.75	.53	-1.54	4.50	1.57	-1.66
1.25	.80	-1.65	5.00	1.64	-1.64
Modified leading edge on plain chord extension					
-5.40	-0.60	---	-3.60	---	-1.65
-5.30	-.17	-0.99	-3.20	0.97	-1.62
-5.20	-.02	-1.16	-3.00	1.02	-1.61
-5.00	.21	-1.35	-2.00	1.15	-1.46
-4.60	.49	-1.55	-1.00	1.23	---
-4.20	.67	-1.64	-.92	---	-1.24

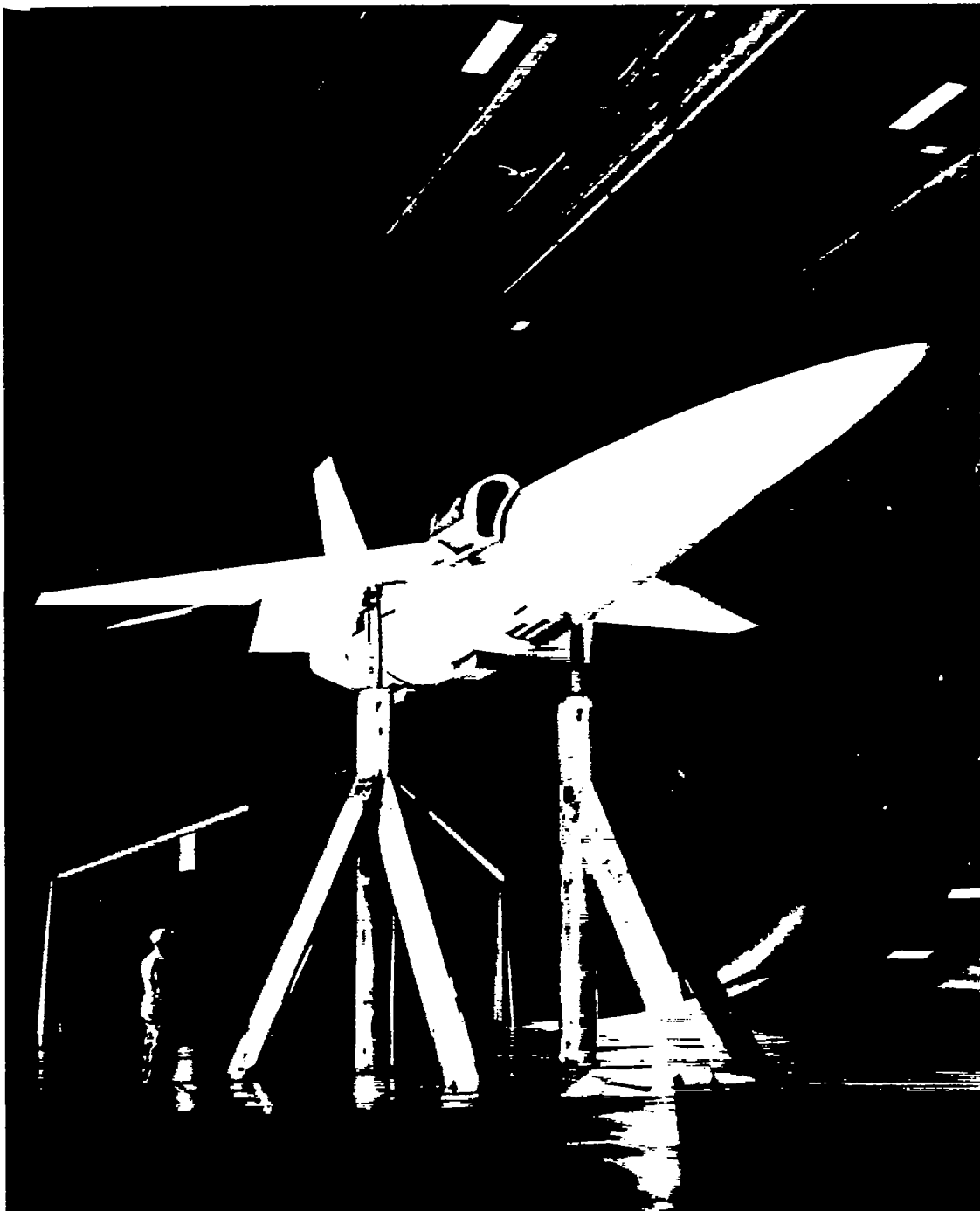
Plain chord extension <sup>1</sup>	
Station, percent chord	Ordinate, percent chord
-4.83	0
-4.75	.23
-4.60	.39
-4.40	.53
-4.20	.64
-3.90	.78
-3.00	1.03
-2.00	1.15
-1.00	1.23
1.00	1.35
3.99	1.50

<sup>1</sup>Symmetrical section

TABLE V.- INDEX TO FIGURES WITH FORCE AND MOMENT DATA

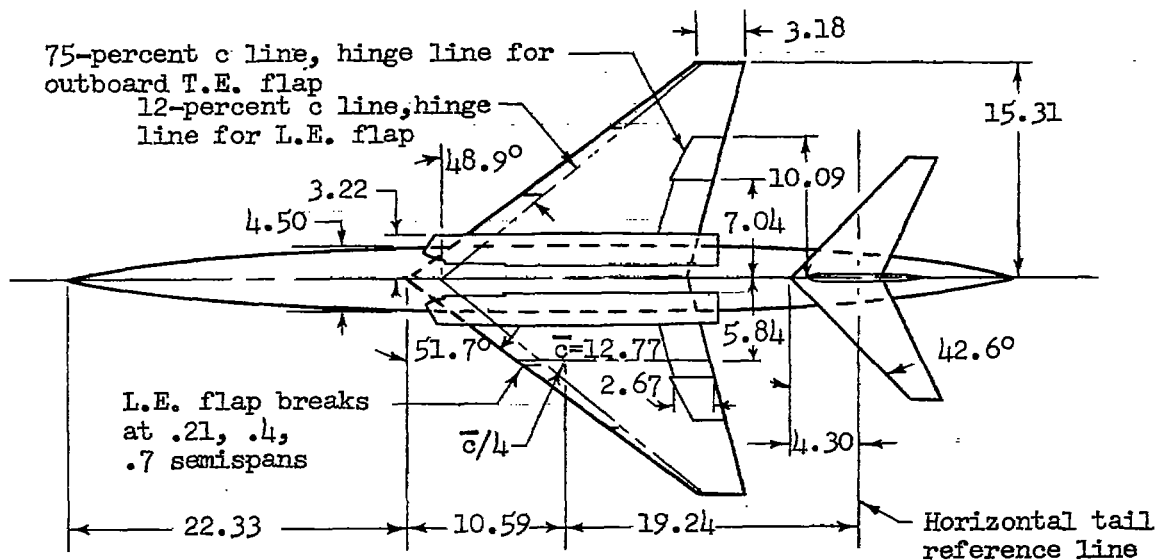
Figure no.	T.E. flap		L.E. Flap		Modified L.E. (spanwise extent)	Chord extension
	Span	Suction	Deflection	Suction <sup>1</sup>		
5	Small	On	0°, 40°, 40° <sup>2</sup> 0°, 50°, 50°	Off On	None None	Off   <

<sup>1</sup>Extending from  $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ <sup>2</sup>Data from reference 1



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Figure 1.- Photograph of the model mounted in the Ames 40- by 80-foot wind tunnel.



All dimensions in feet  
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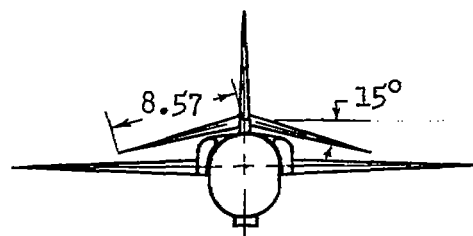
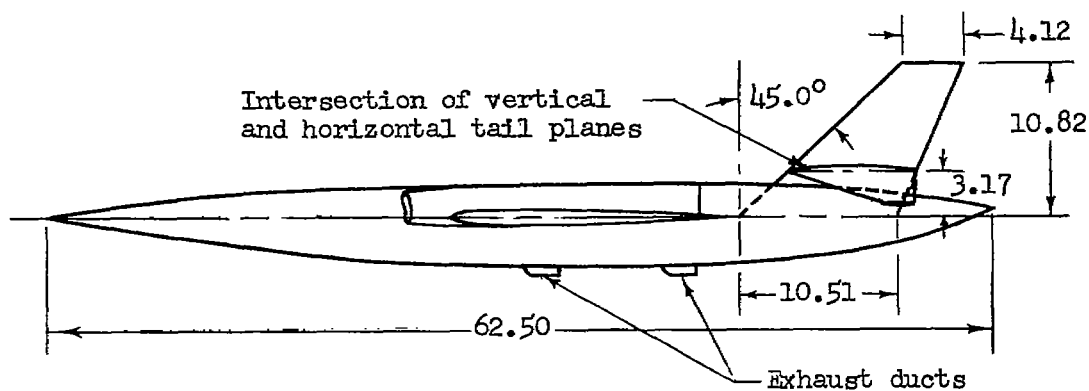
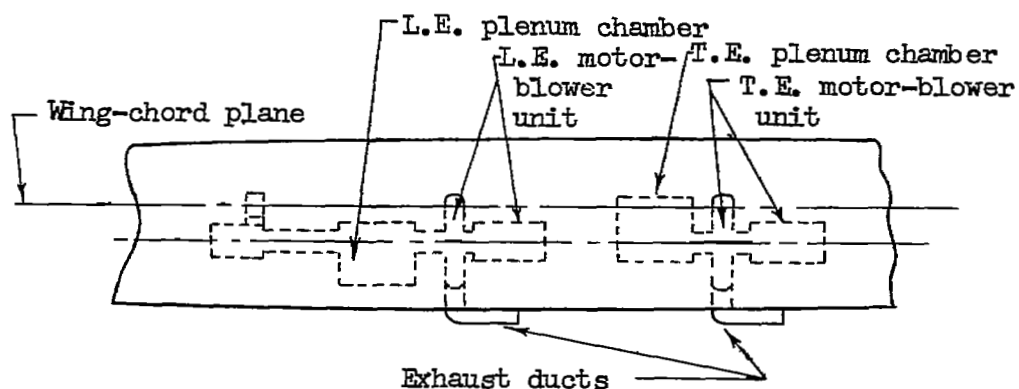
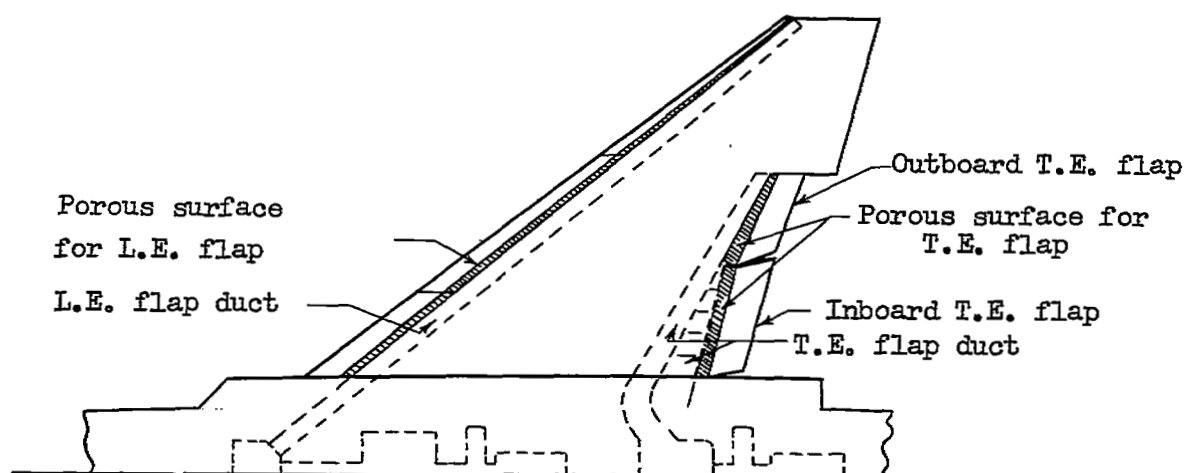
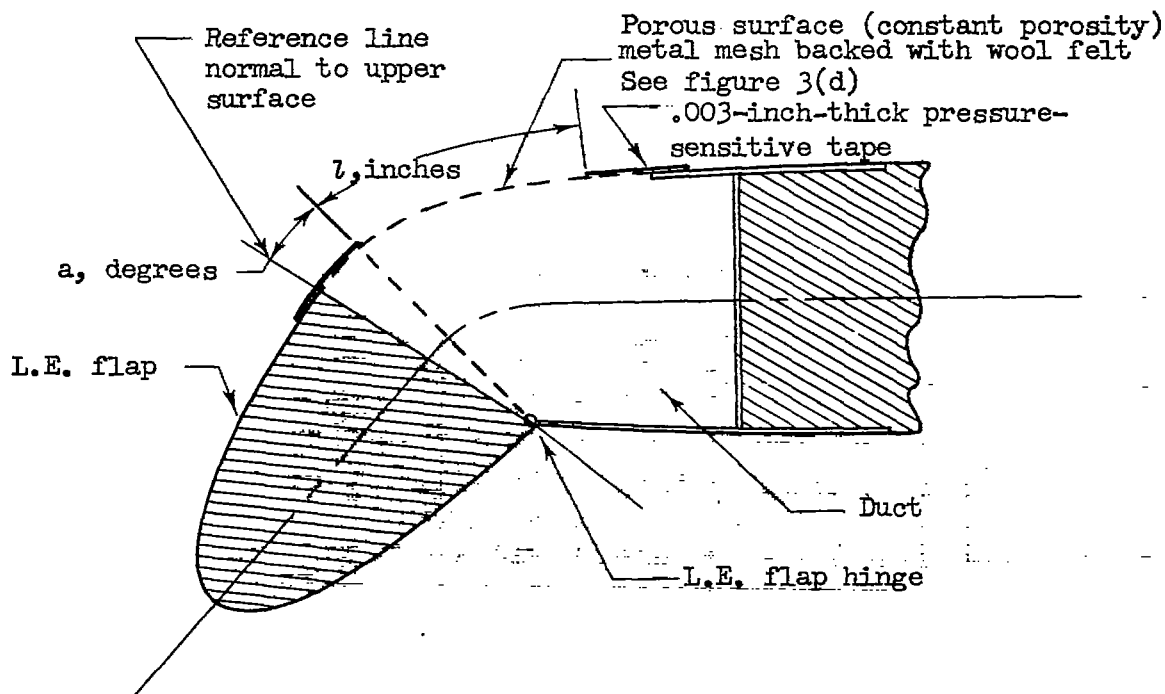


Figure 2.- Dimensional details of the model.

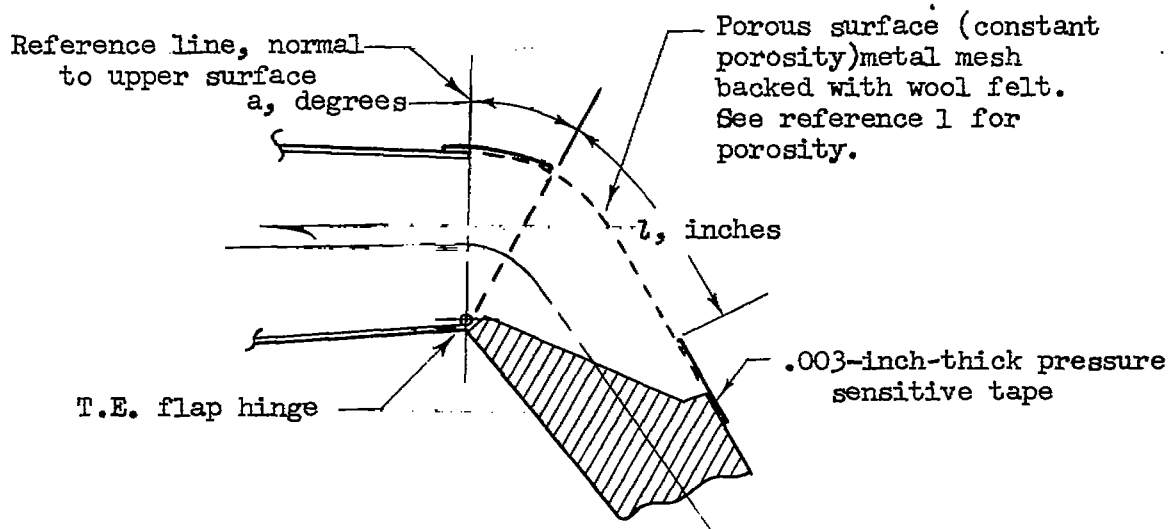


(a) Details of duct and pumping system.

Figure 3.- Details of porous area, duct, and pumping system.



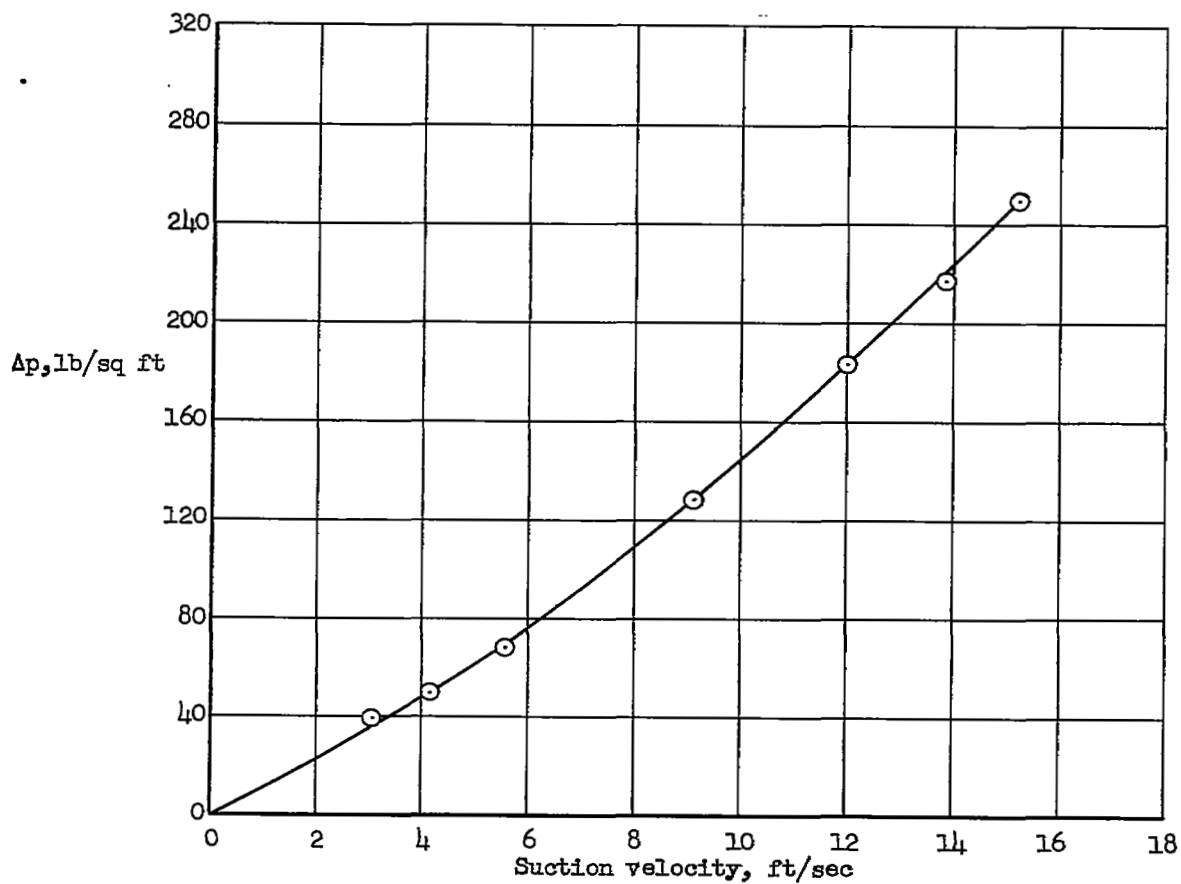
(b) Leading-edge flap. Section shown perpendicular to the hinge line.



(c) Trailing-edge flap. Section shown perpendicular to the hinge line.

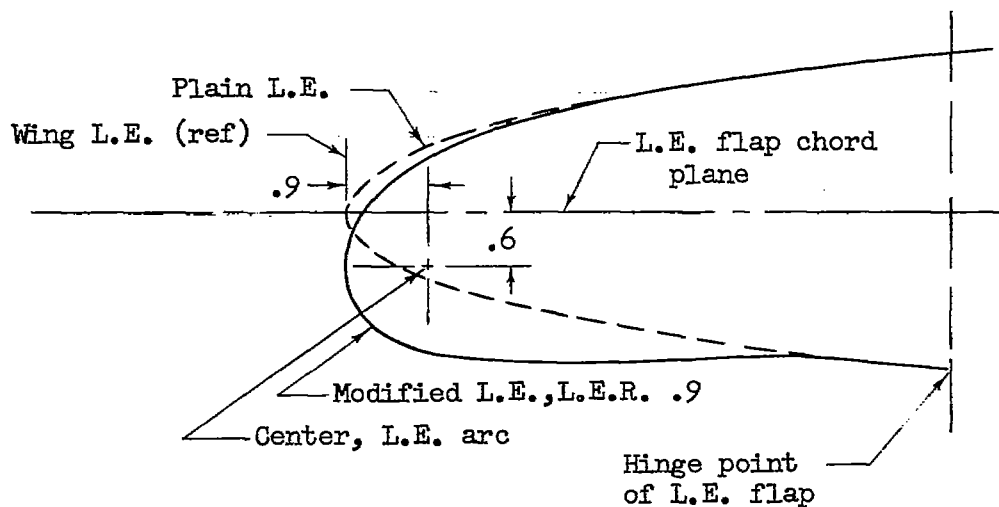
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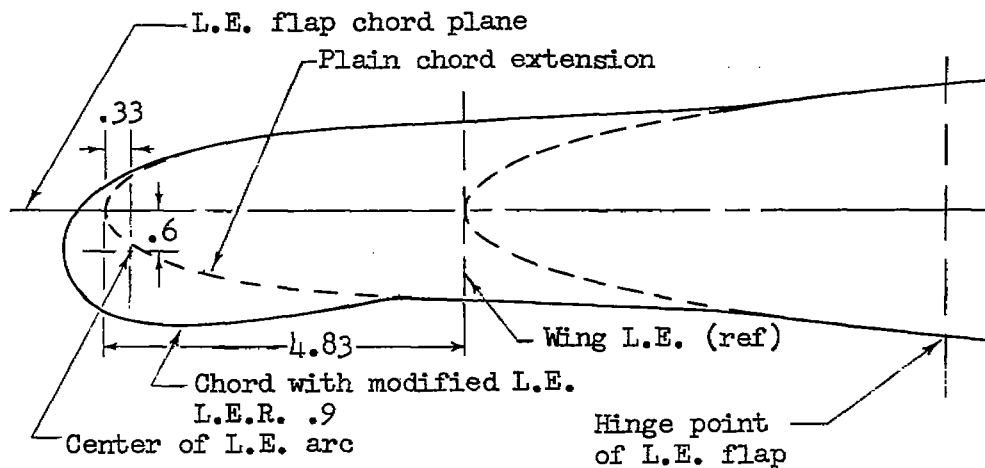


(d) Permeability of 1/16-inch felt plus metal mesh sheet used as porous surface for the leading-edge flap.

Figure 3.- Concluded.



(a) Modified leading edge.



(b) Chord extension.

Figure 4.- Leading-edge modification used in the investigation. All sections perpendicular to the wing leading edge. All dimensions are in percent chord.

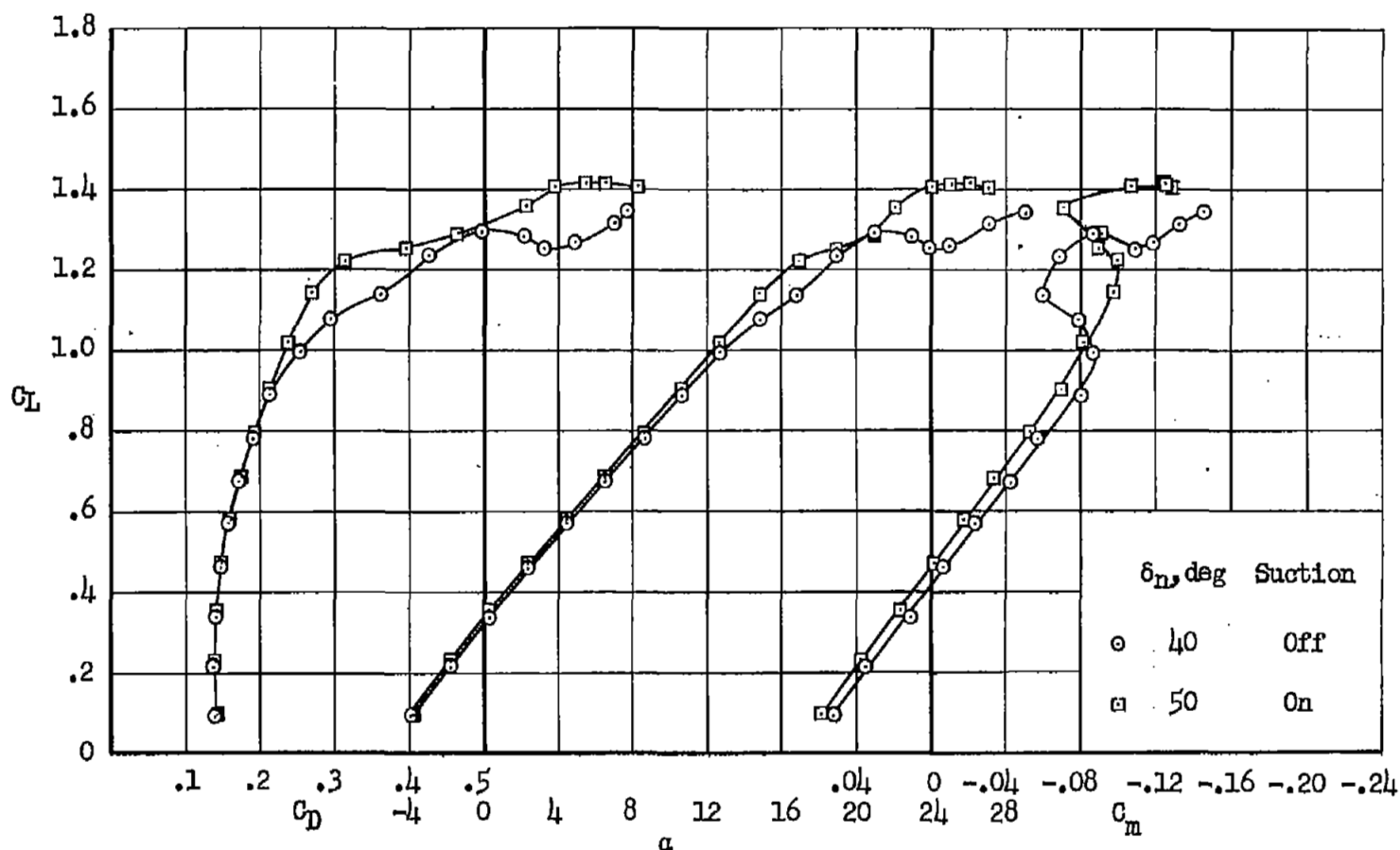


Figure 5.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with a part-span leading-edge flap ( $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ ) for the model with the small-span trailing-edge flap; area suction on the trailing-edge flap; data for  $\delta_n = 40^\circ$  were taken from investigation of reference 1.

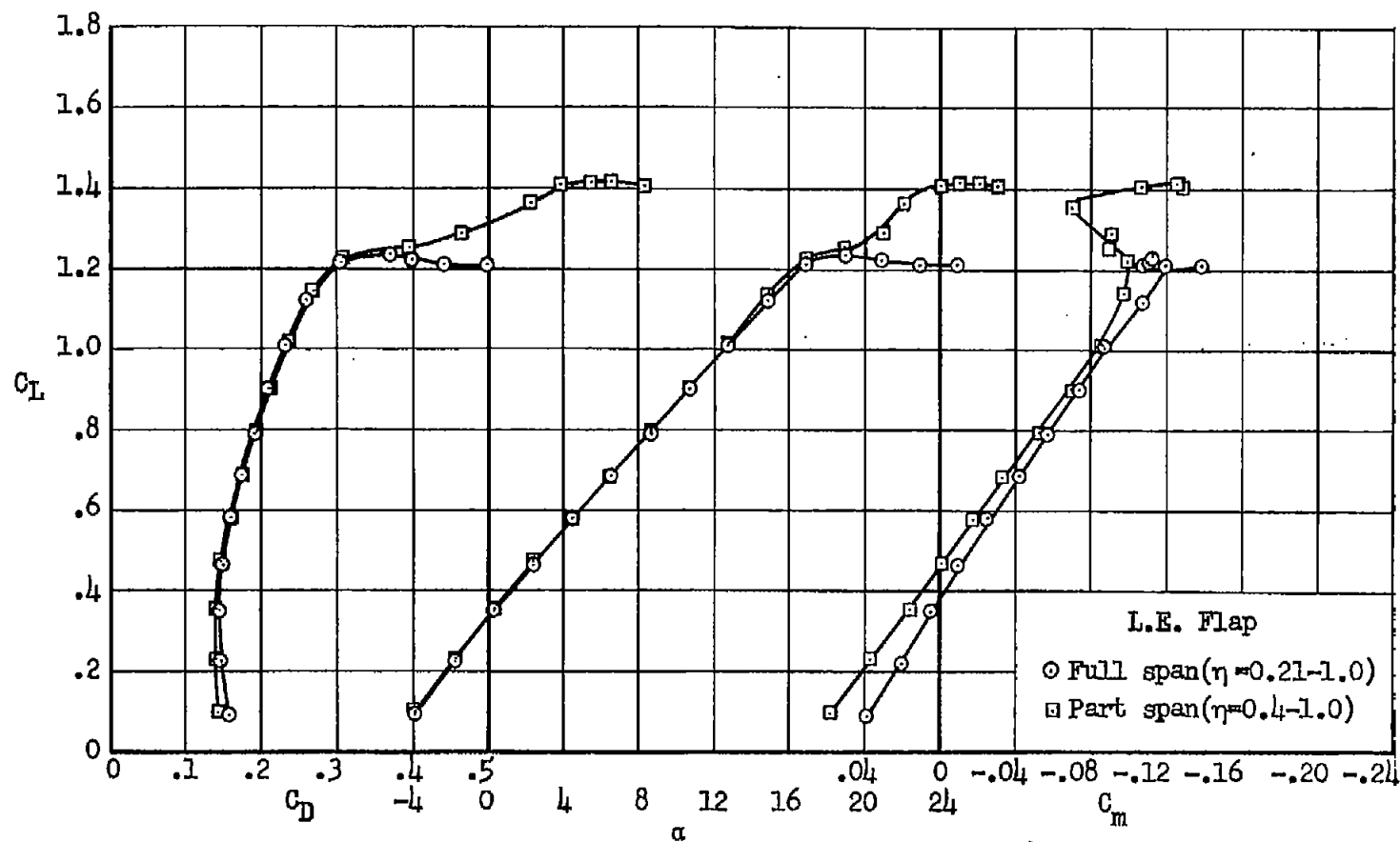


Figure 6.- Effect of a change in leading-edge flap span on the aerodynamic characteristics of the model with the small-span trailing-edge flap; suction on leading-edge flap;  $\delta_n = 50^\circ$ ; plain leading edge; suction on trailing-edge flap.

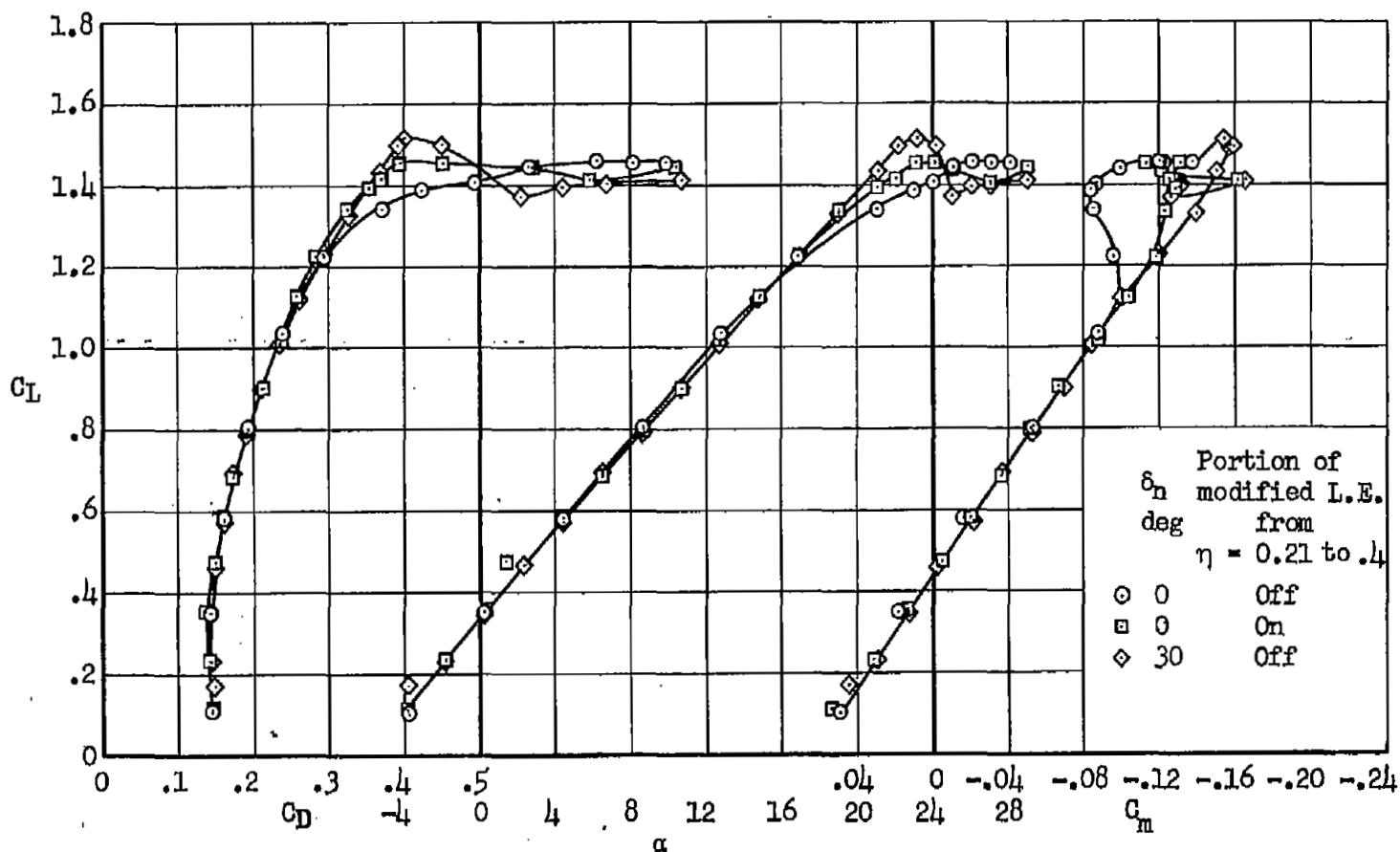


Figure 7.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with various amounts of leading-edge stall protection on the inboard portion of the wing ( $\eta = 0.21 - 0.4$ ); small-span trailing-edge flap with suction; leading-edge flap suction ( $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ ),  $\delta_n = 50^\circ$  ( $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ ); modified leading edge ( $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ ).

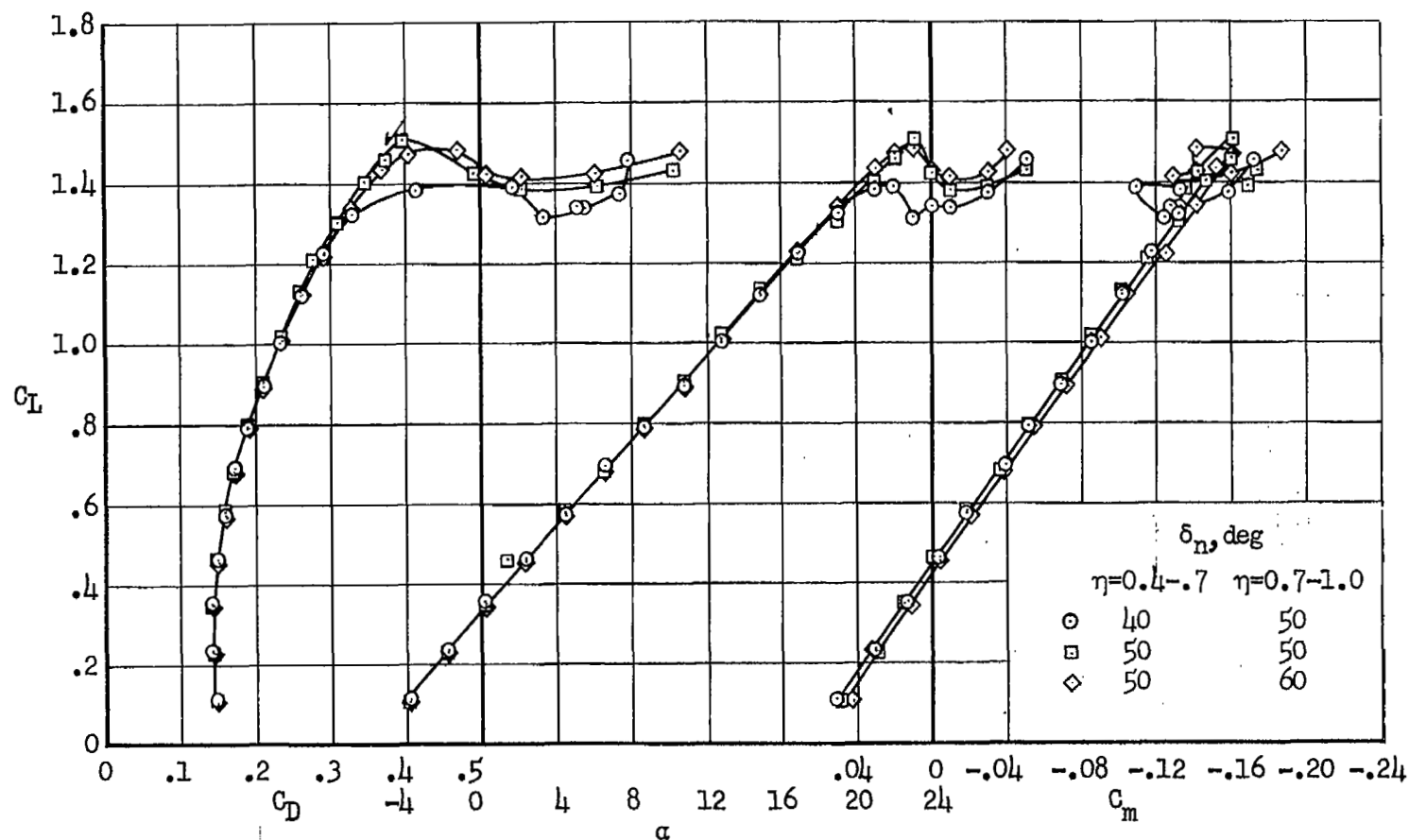
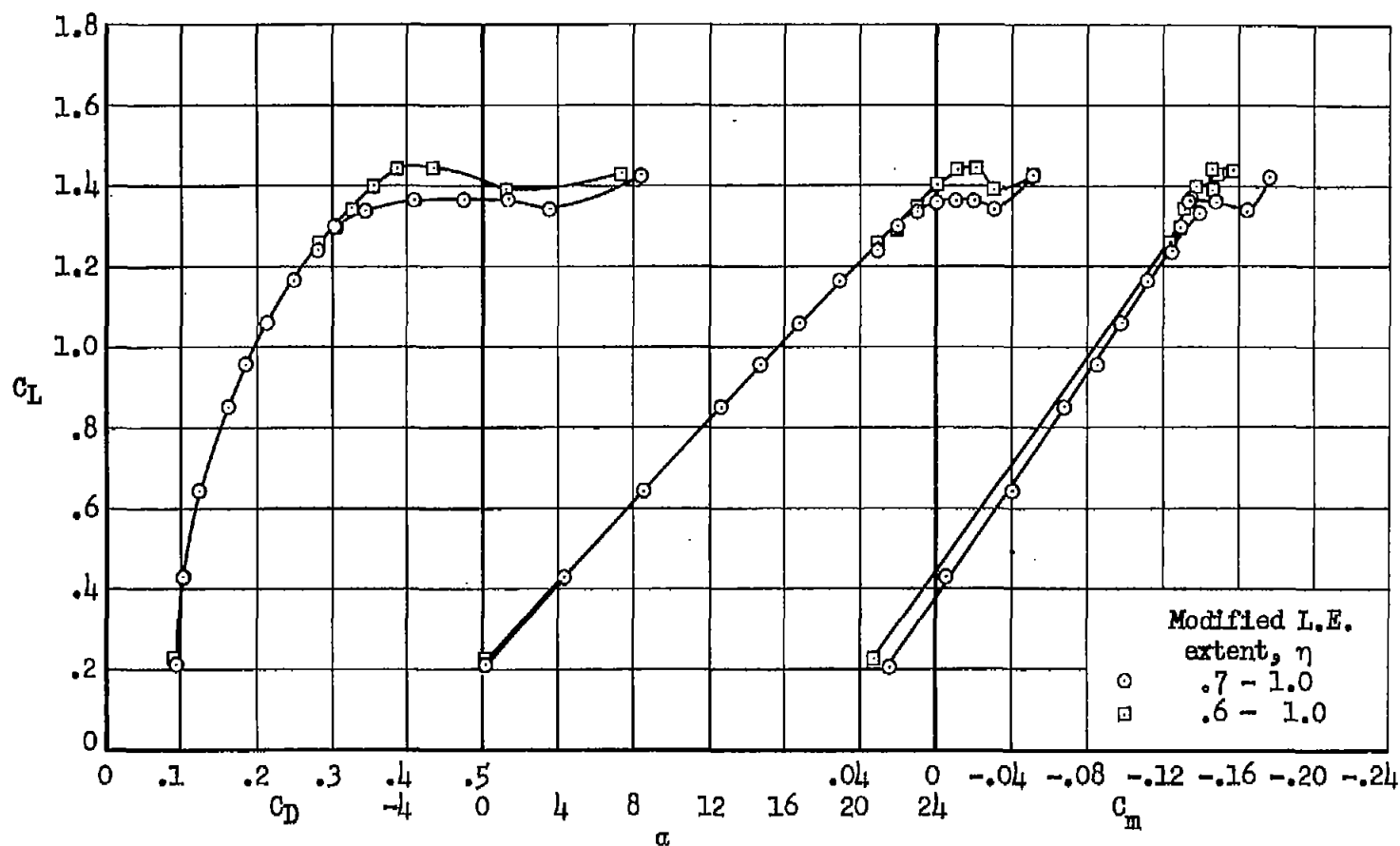
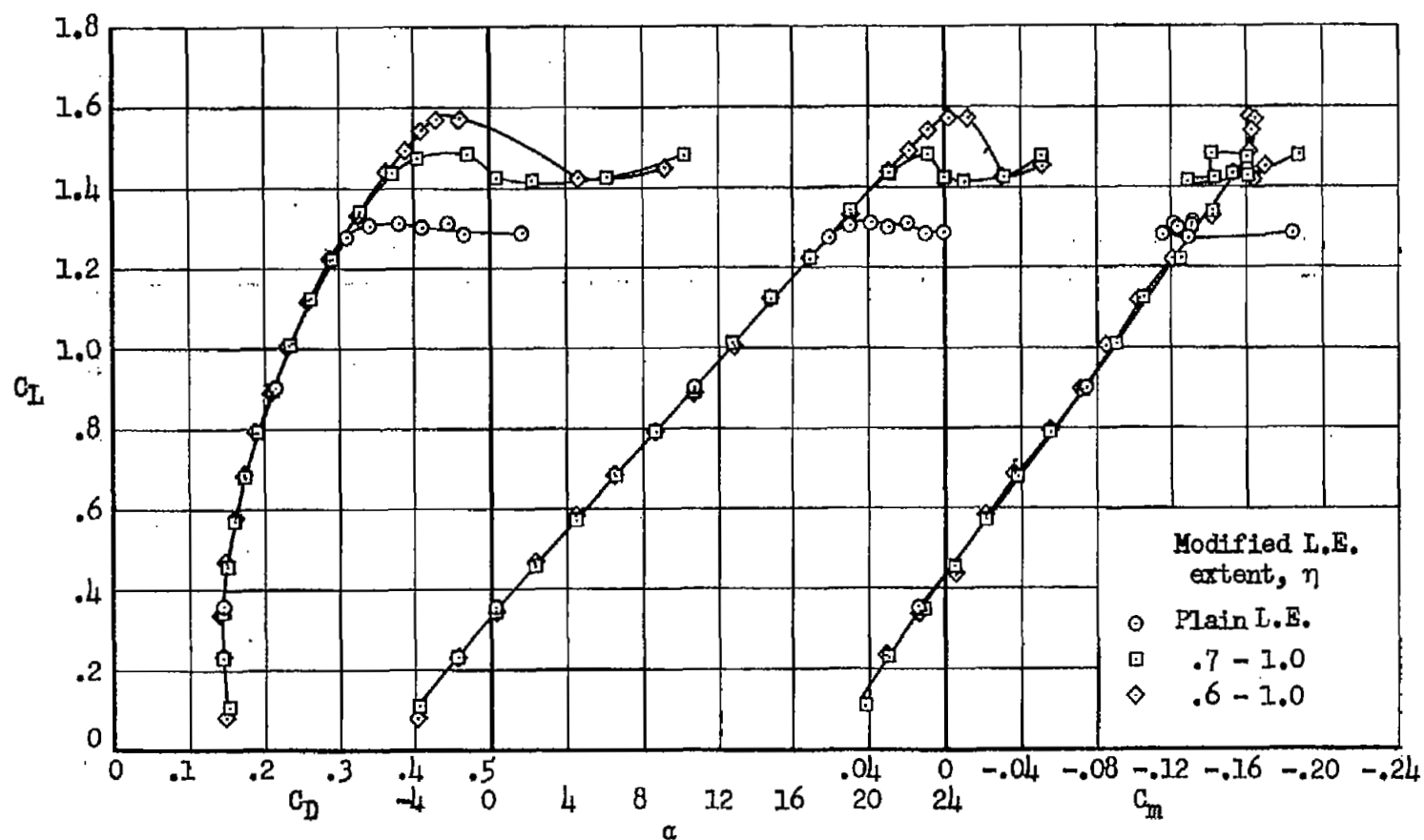


Figure 8.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with several outboard leading-edge flap configurations; small trailing-edge flap with area suction; leading-edge flap area suction ( $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ );  $\delta_n = 30^\circ$  for  $\eta = 0.21 - 0.4$ ; modified leading edge ( $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ ).



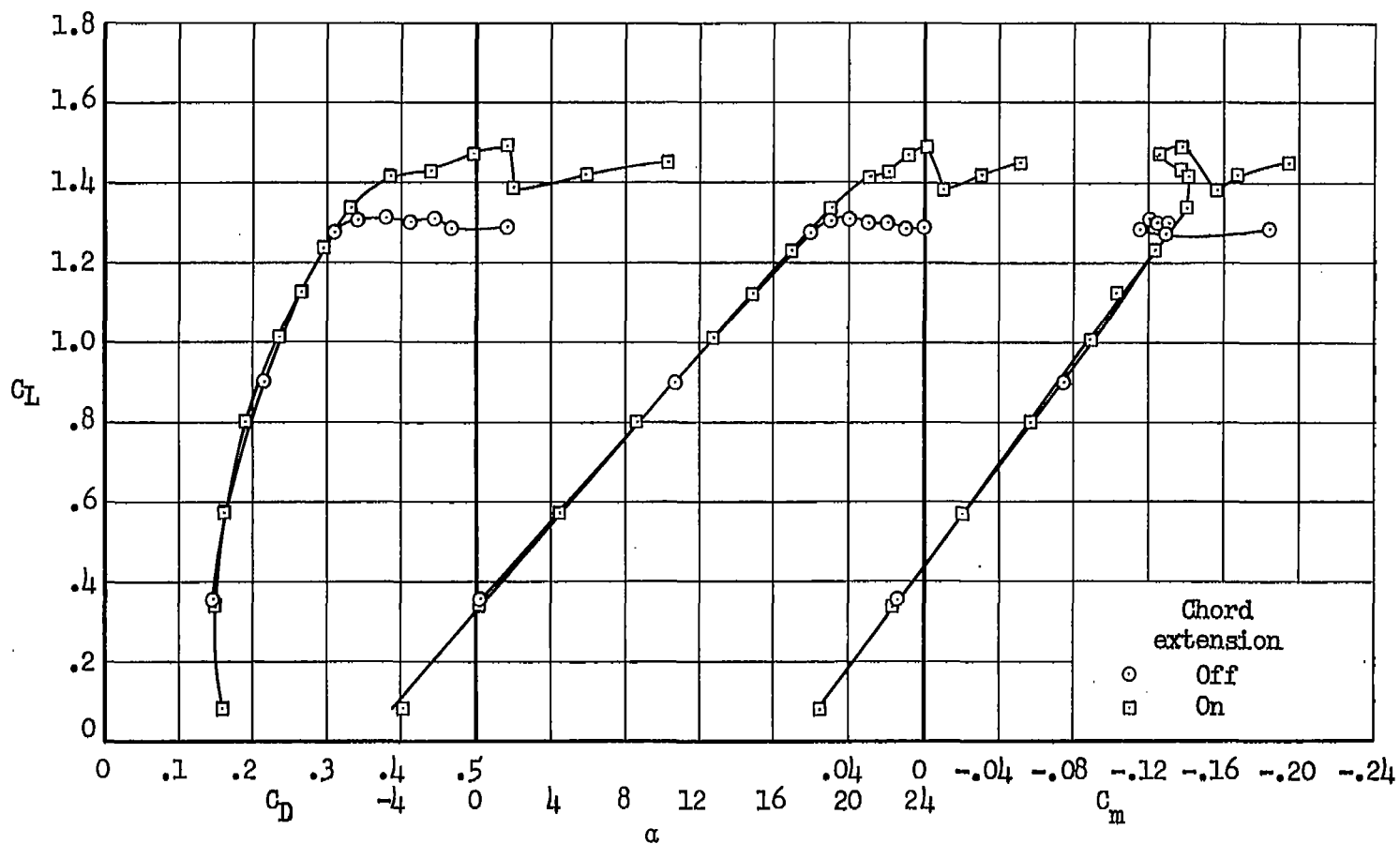
(a) Suction off (trailing-edge flap).

Figure 9.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with the small-span trailing-edge flap for several spanwise extents of the modified leading edge; leading-edge flap at  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ .



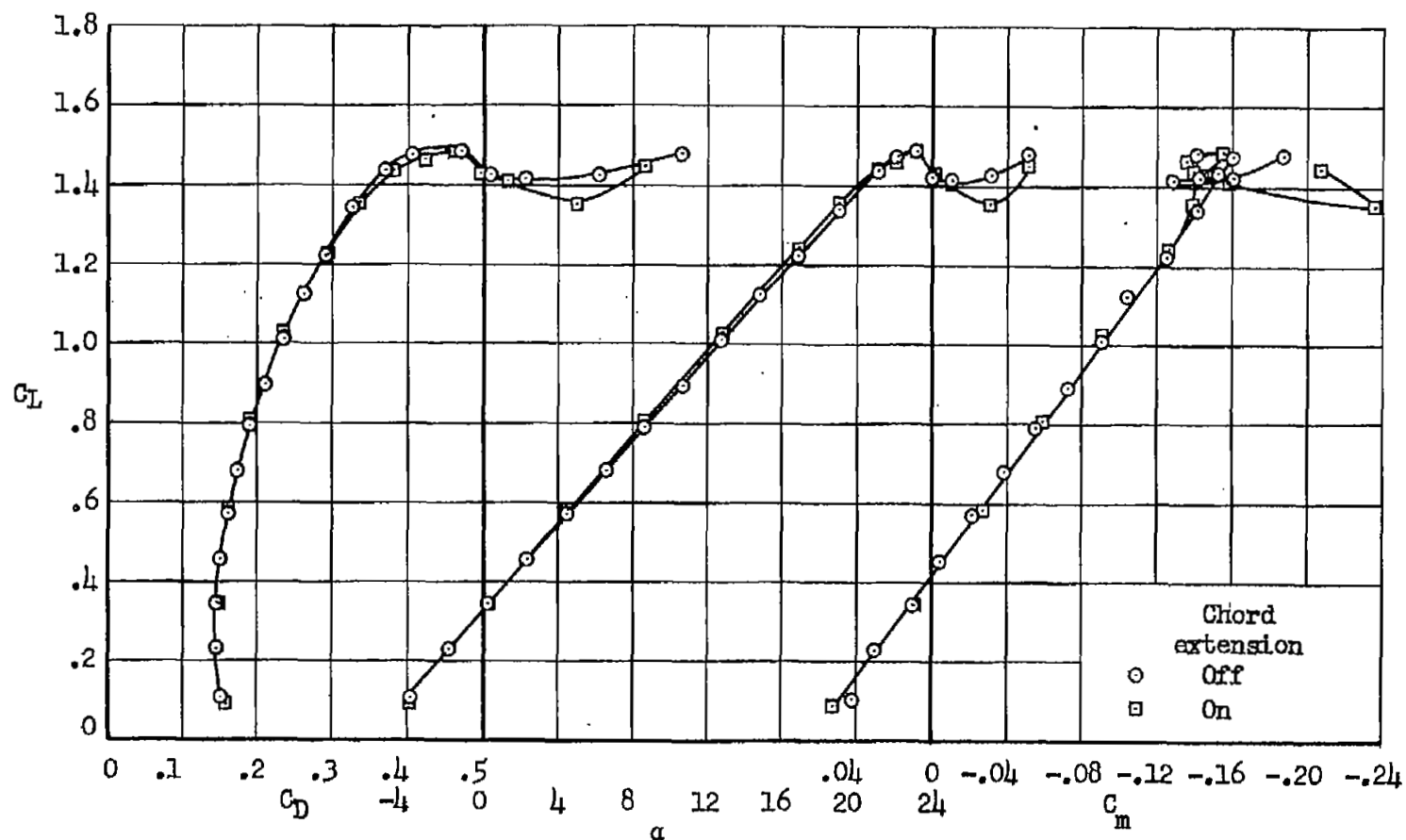
(b) Suction on (trailing-edge flap).

Figure 9.- Concluded.



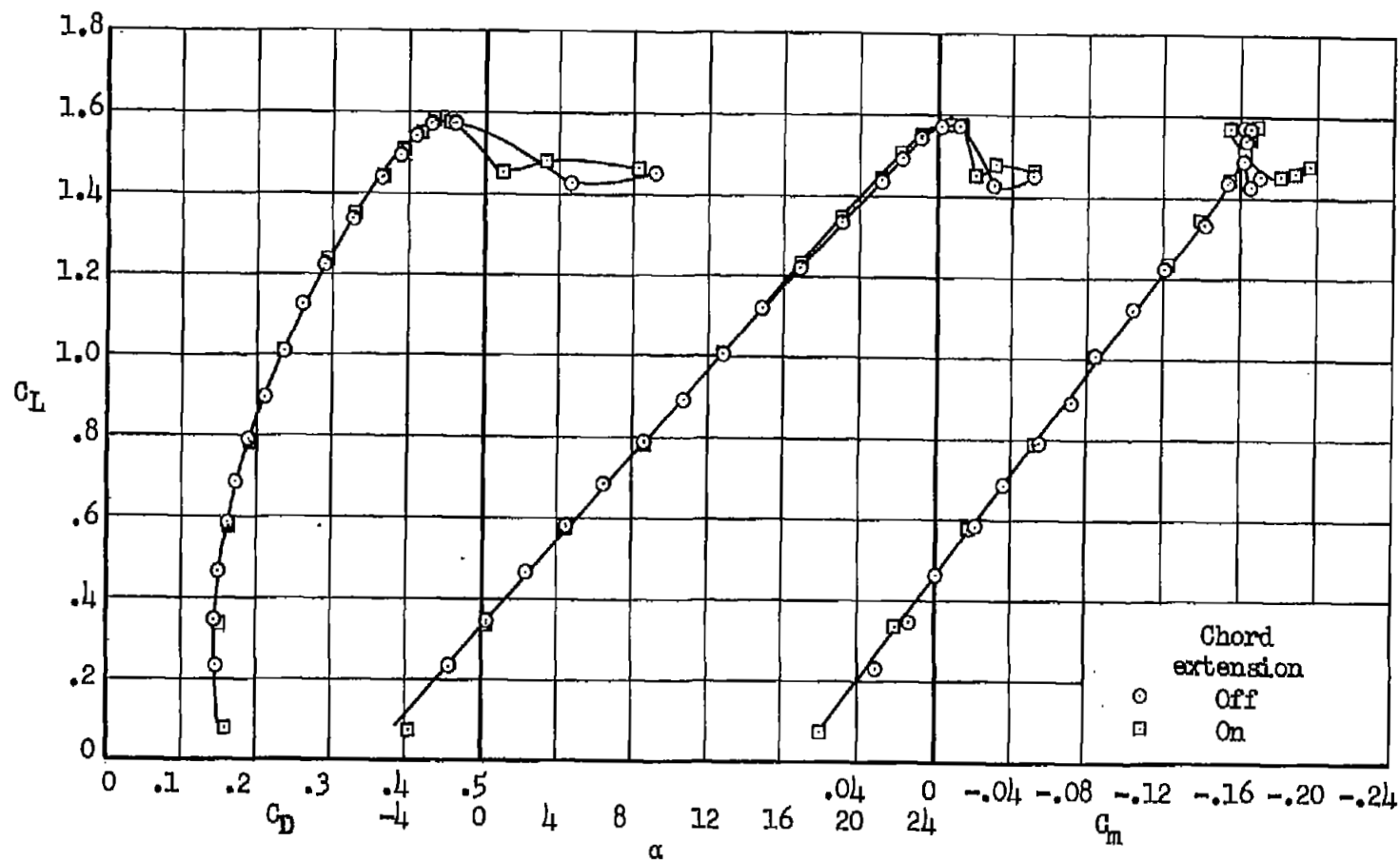
(a) Plain leading edge.

Figure 10.- The effect of the chord extension on the aerodynamic characteristics of the model; suction on the small-span trailing-edge flap; leading-edge flap deflected  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ .



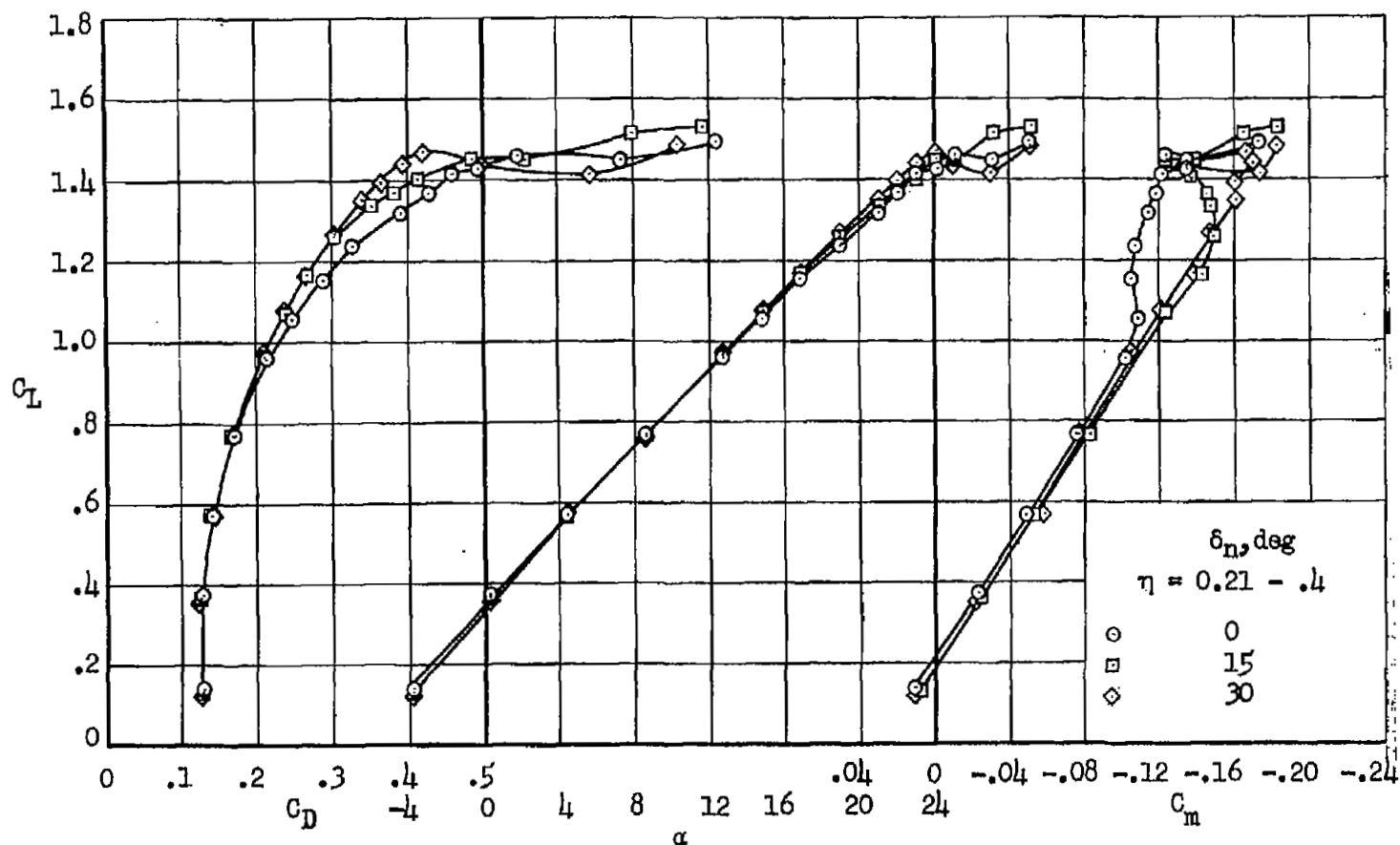
(b) Modified leading edge,  $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ .

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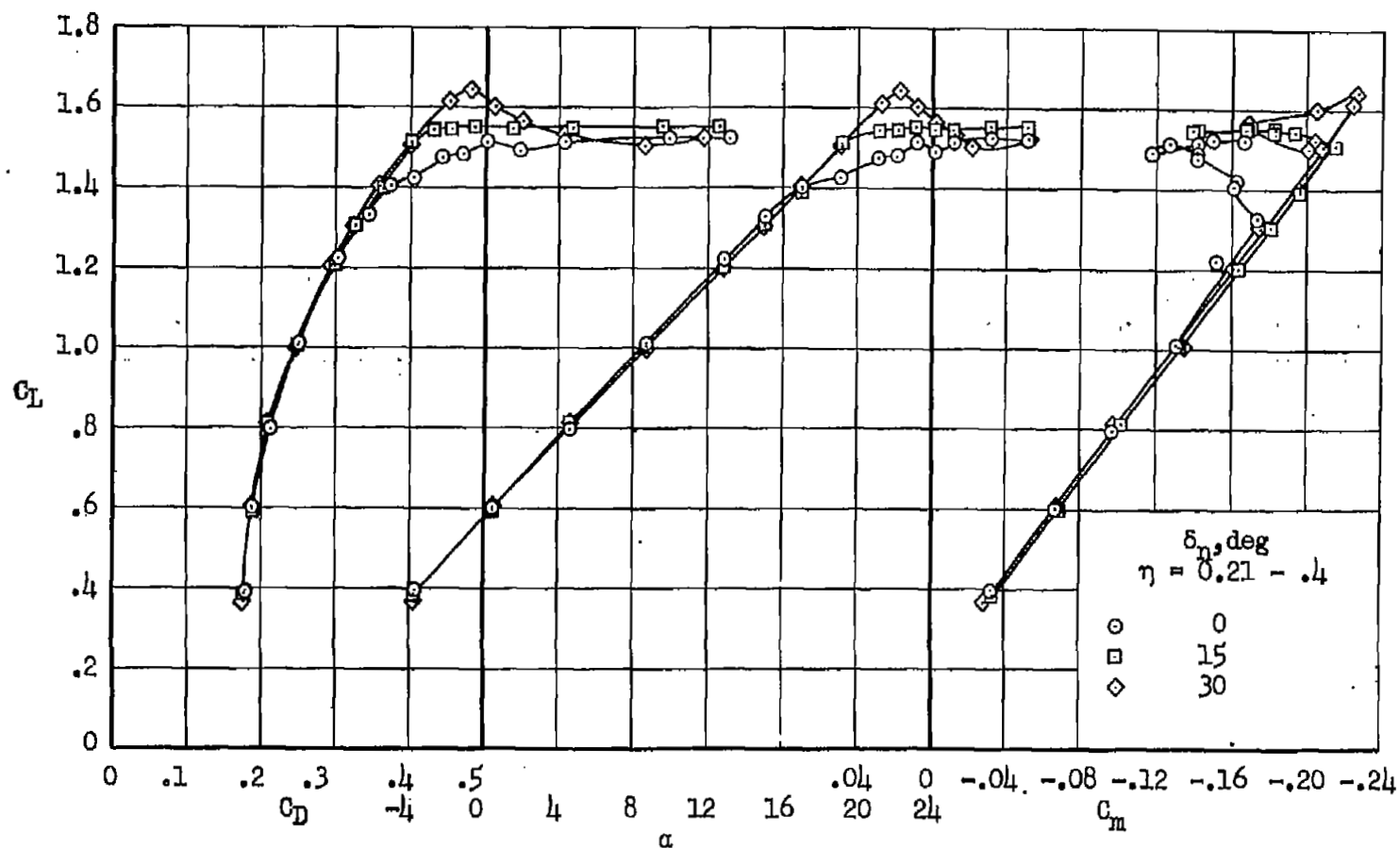
(c) Modified leading edge,  $\eta = 0.6 - 1.0$ .

Figure 10.- Concluded.



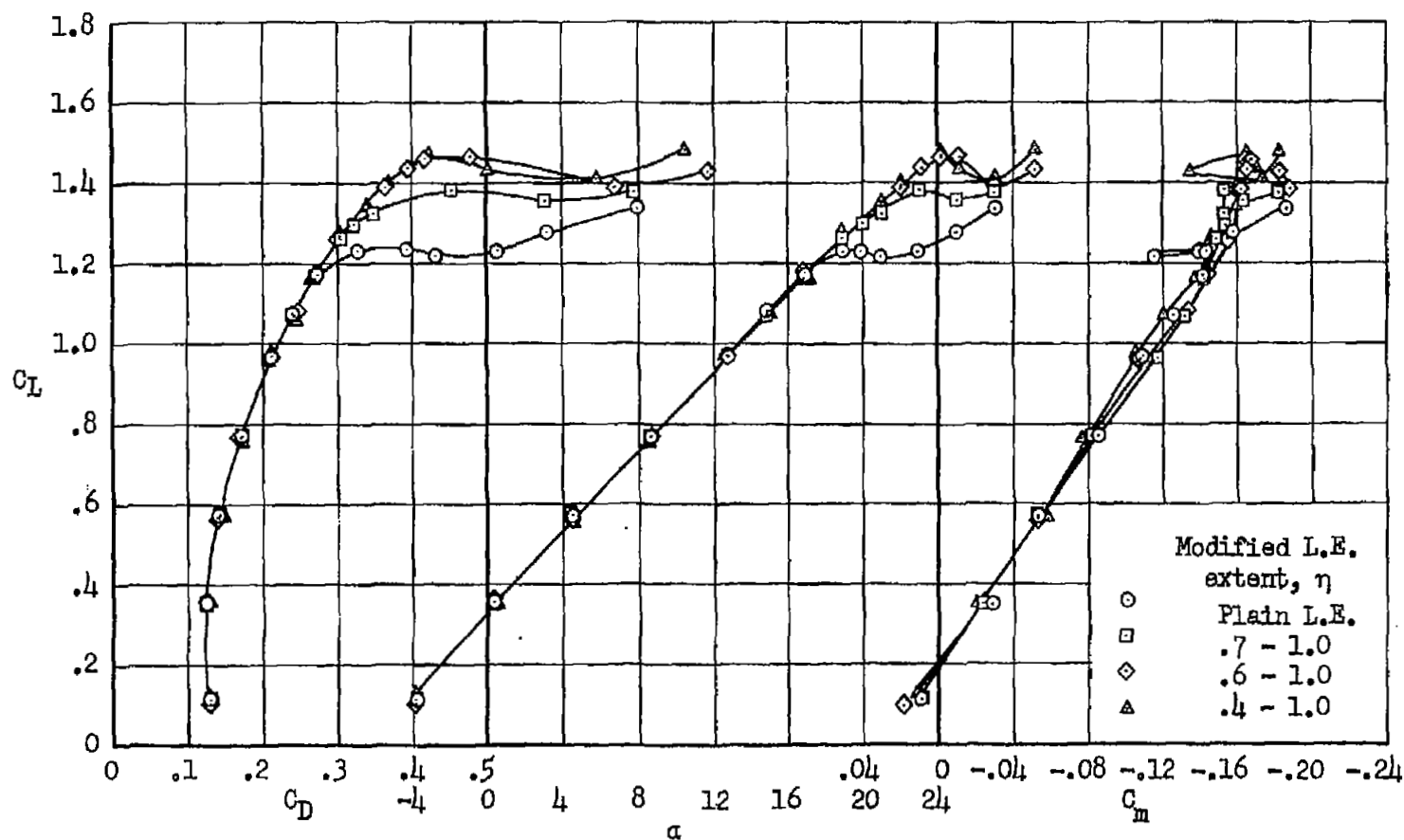
(a) Suction off (trailing-edge flap).

Figure 11.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with various amounts of leading-edge flap deflection on the inboard portion of the wing ( $\eta = 0.21 - 0.4$ ); large-span trailing-edge flap deflected; leading-edge flap,  $\eta = 0.4 - 0.7$ ,  $\delta_n = 50^\circ$ ;  $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ ,  $\delta_n = 60^\circ$ ; area suction,  $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ ; modified leading edge,  $\eta = 0.4 - 1.0$ .



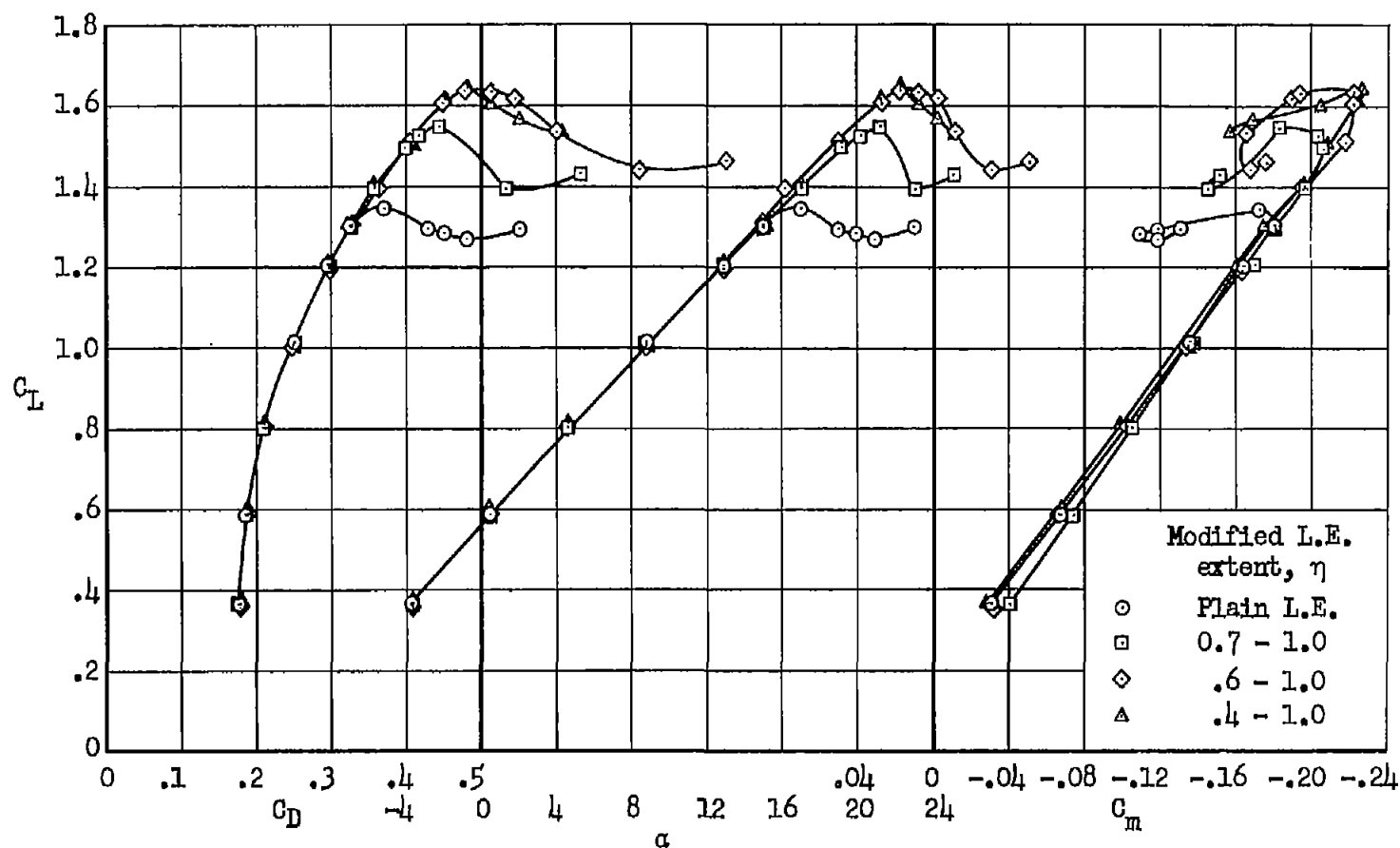
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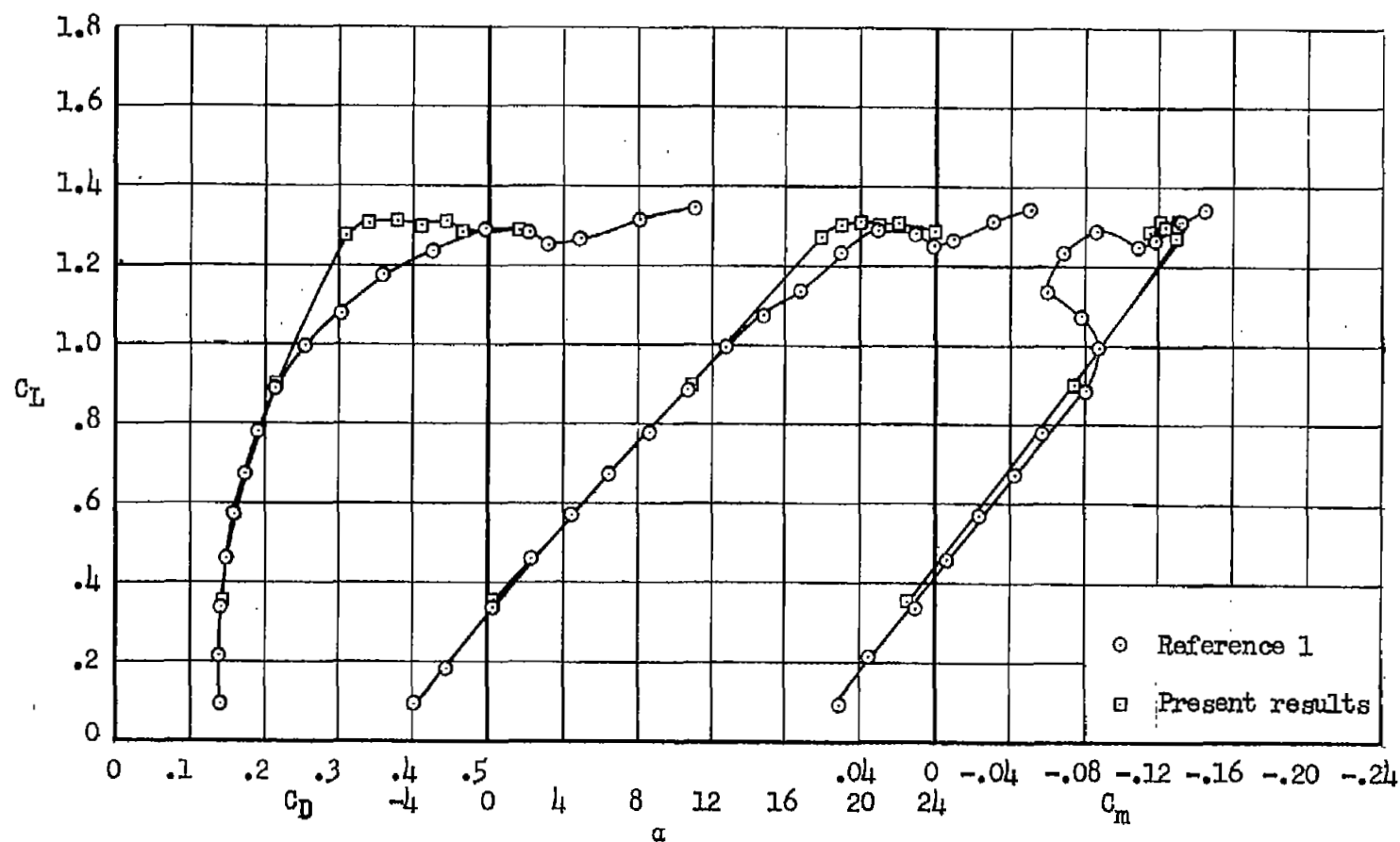
(a) Suction off (trailing-edge flap).

Figure 12.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model with the large-span trailing-edge flap for several spanwise extents of the modified leading edge; leading-edge flap at  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ .



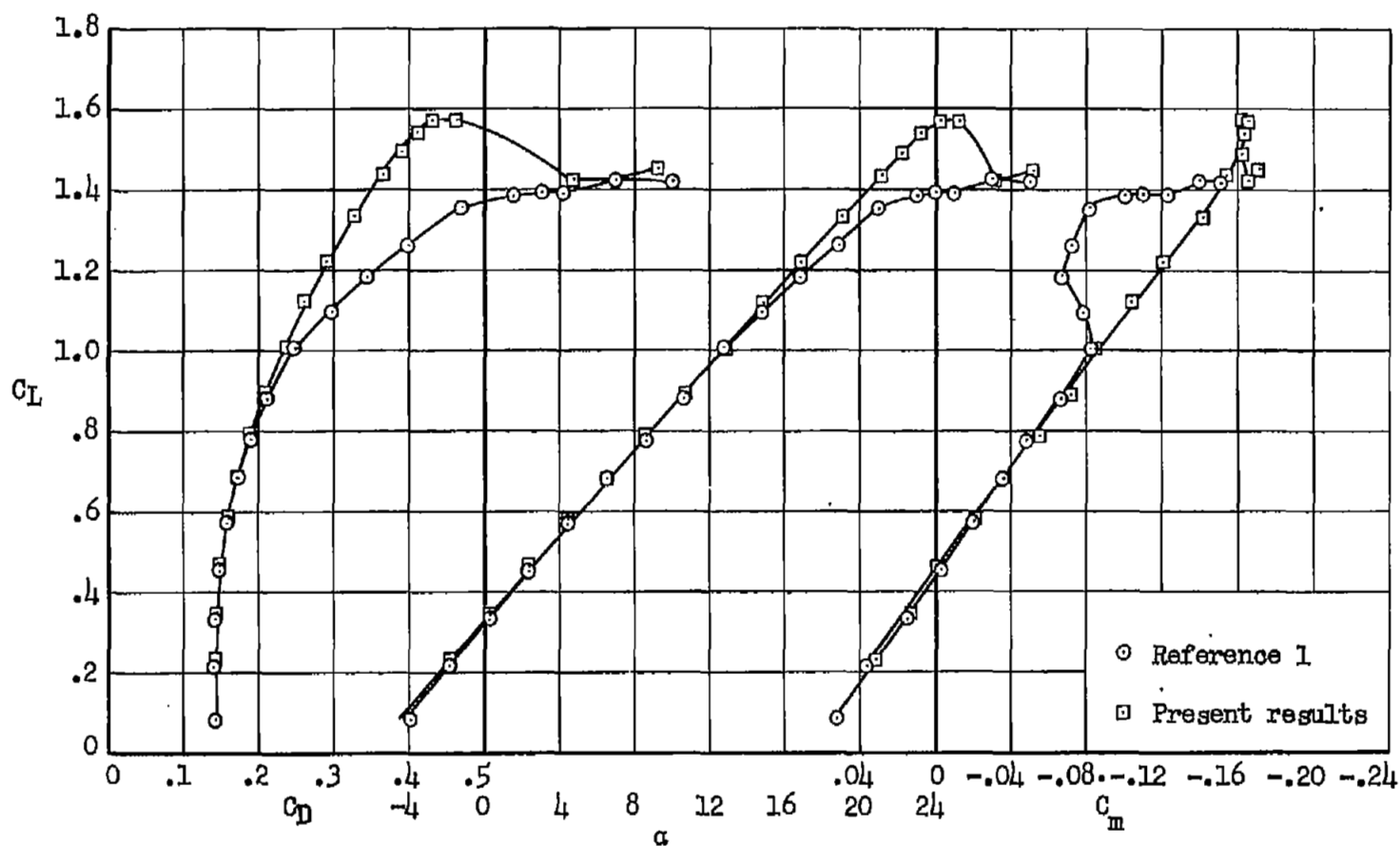
(b) Suction on (trailing-edge flap).

Figure 12.- Concluded.



(a) Plain leading edge.

Figure 13.- Aerodynamic characteristics of the model obtained with the most effective leading-edge configurations used in both the present tests and those reported in reference 1; small-span trailing-edge flap suction on; leading-edge flap (ref. 1)  $0^\circ$ ,  $40^\circ$ ,  $40^\circ$ , no suction, and  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  with suction for present tests.



(b) Modified leading edge ( $\eta = 0.6 - 1.0$ ).

Figure 13.- Concluded.

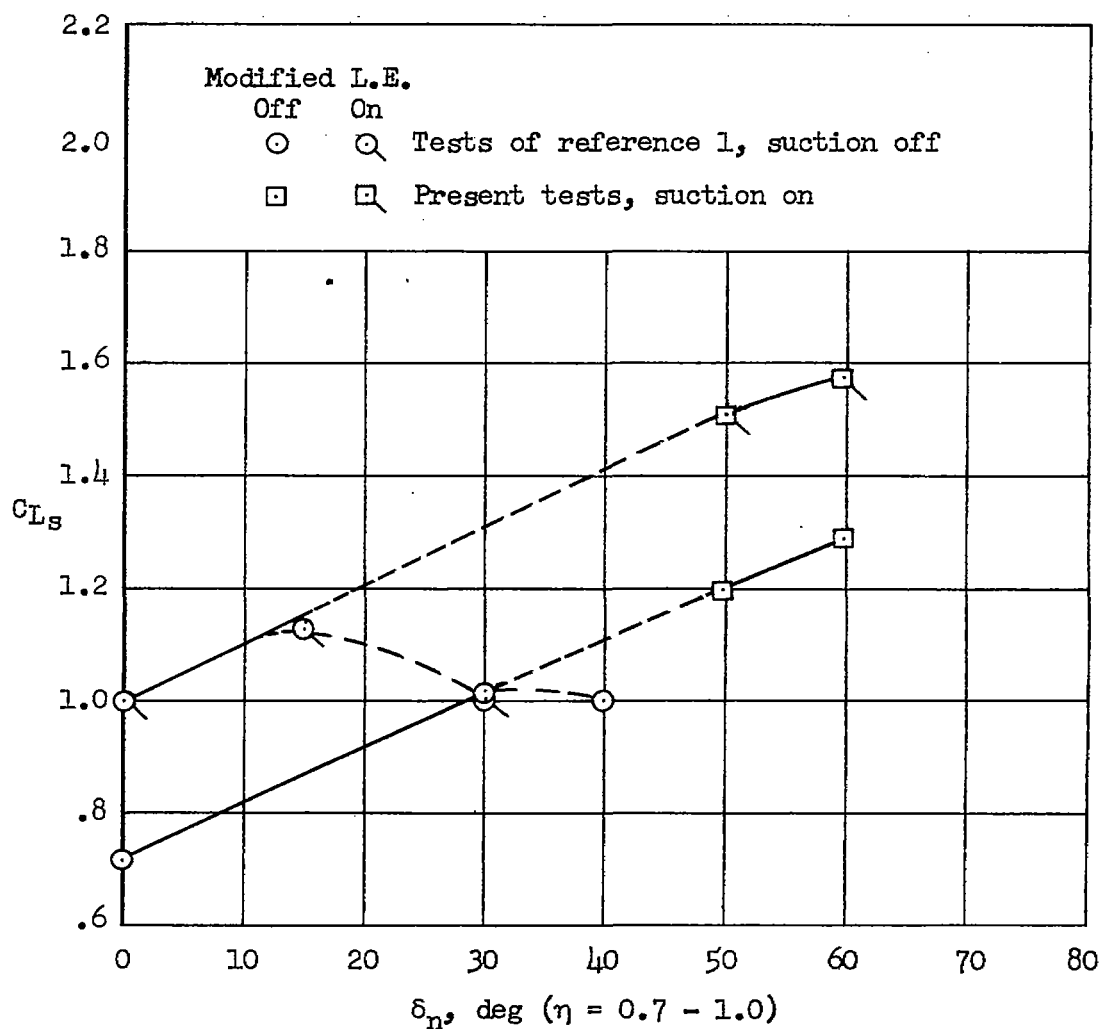
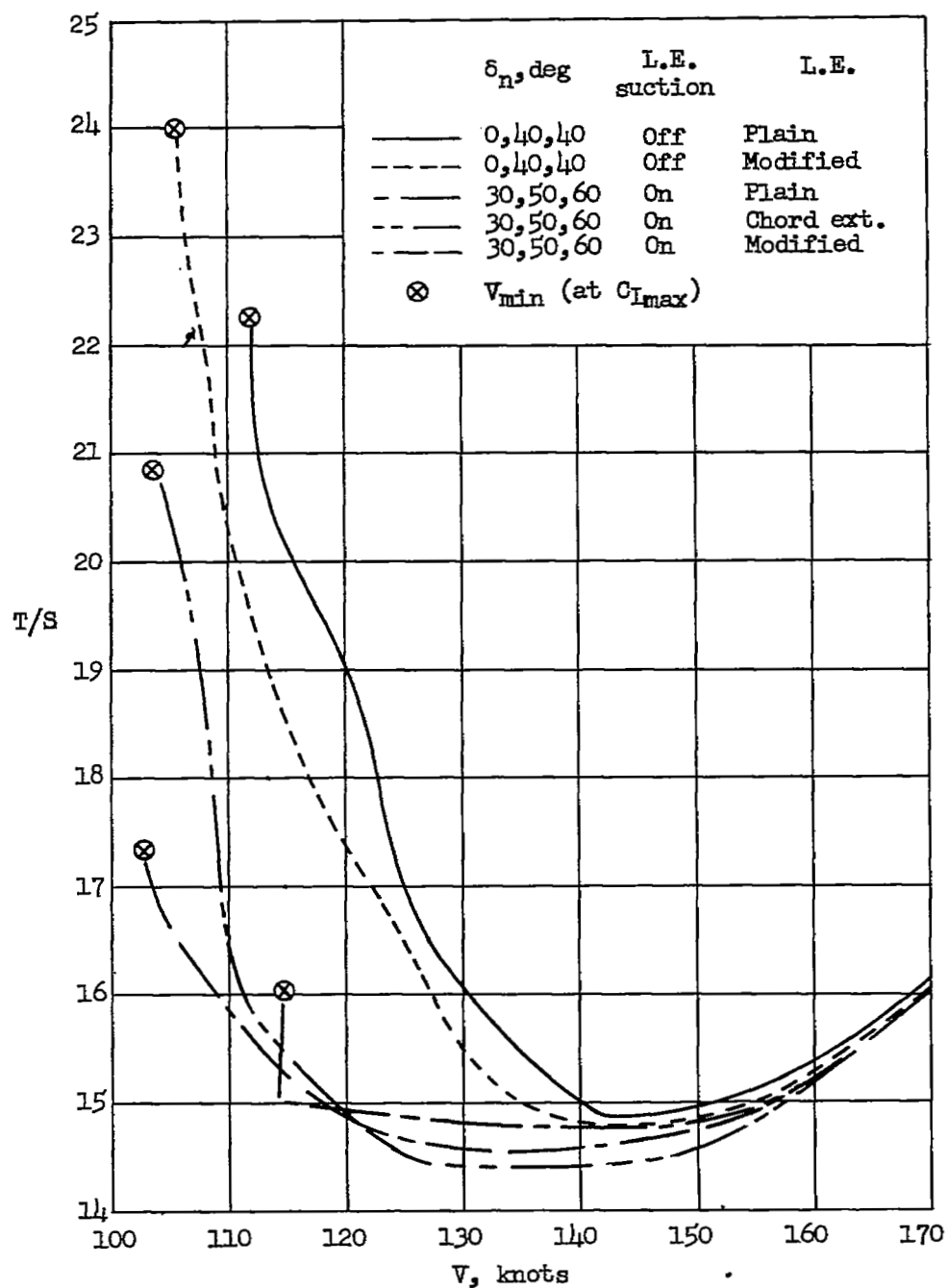
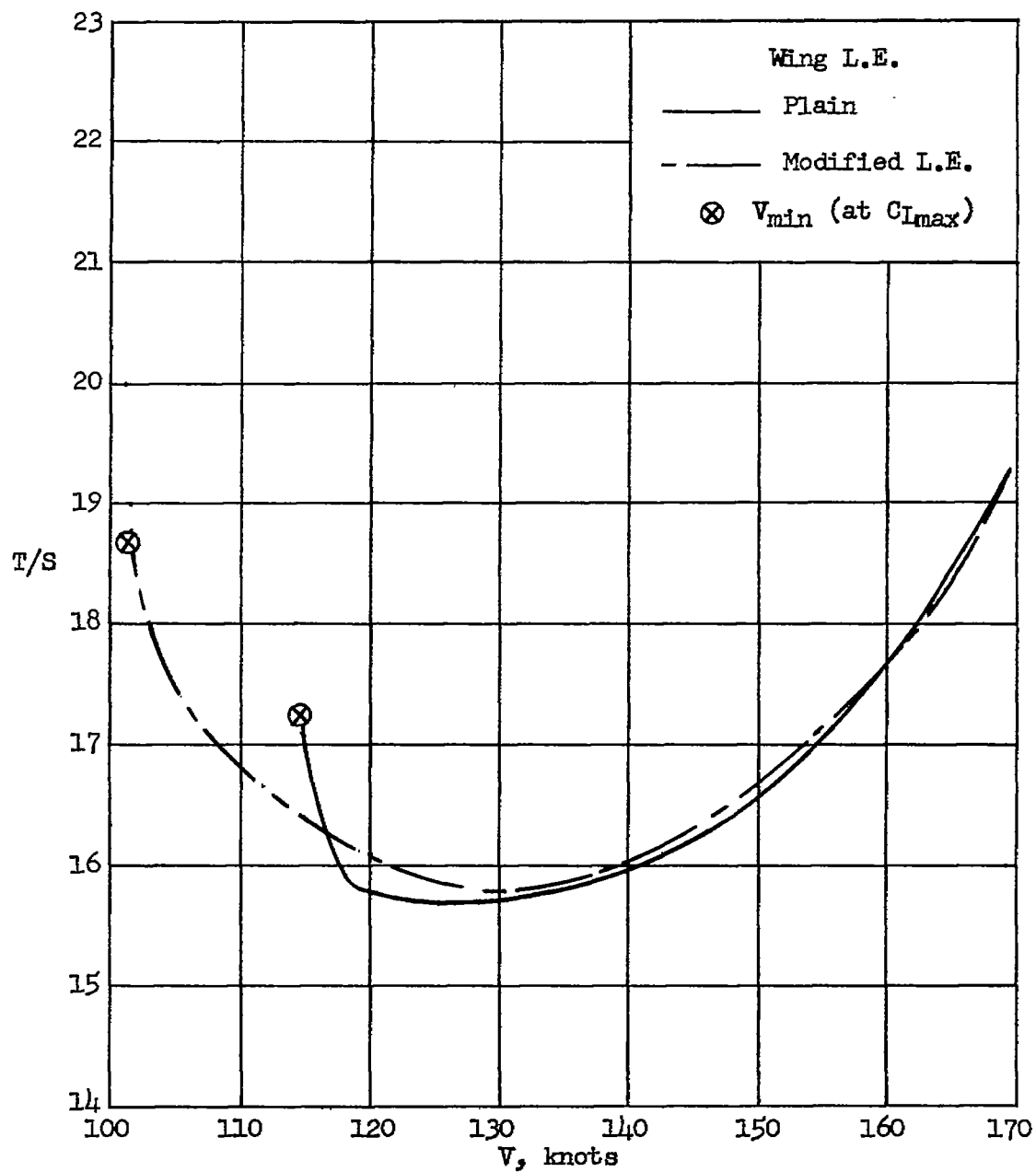


Figure 14.- The variation of the wing lift coefficient for tip stall with leading-edge flap deflection near the wing tip for the model with the small-span flap deflected.



(a) Small-span flap.

Figure 15.- The variation of required thrust per unit wing area with airspeed for level flight; small-span flap with suction;  $W/S = 60$ .



(b) Large-span flap; leading-edge flap;  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  with area suction.

Figure 15.- Concluded.

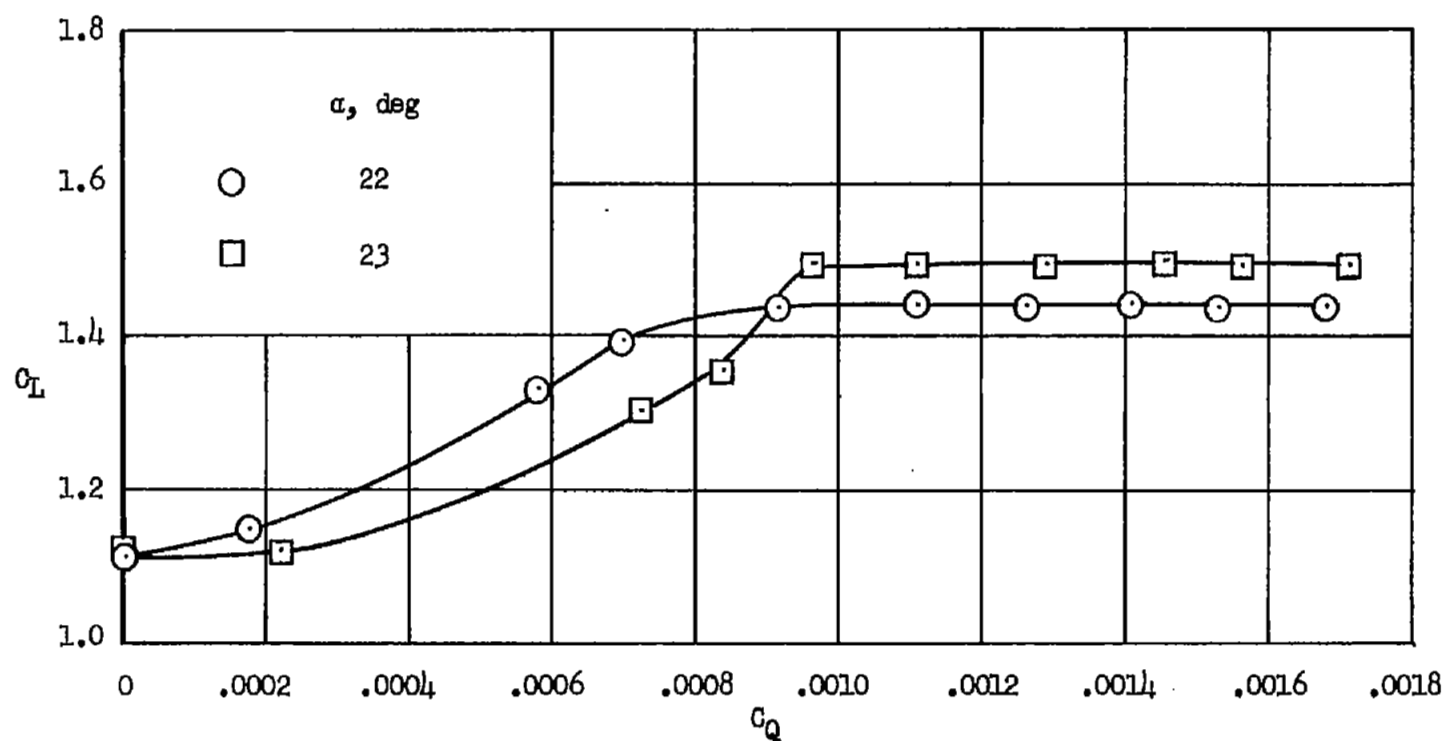


Figure 16.- The effect of angle of attack near that of  $C_{L_{max}}$  on the variation of  $C_L$  with  $C_D$ ; leading-edge flap,  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ; modified leading edge ( $\eta = 0.7 - 1.0$ ); small-span trailing-edge flap; porous area 2.

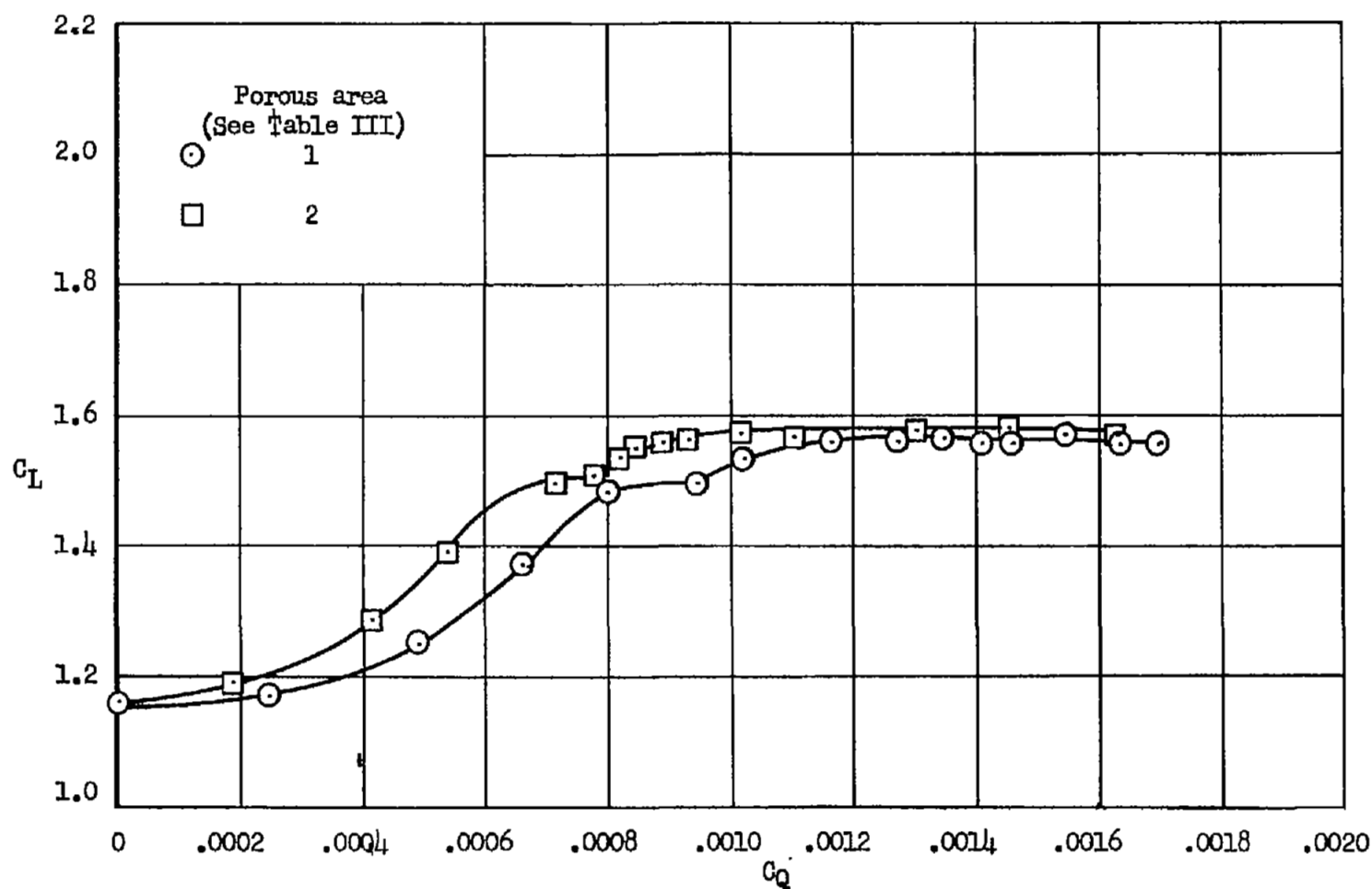
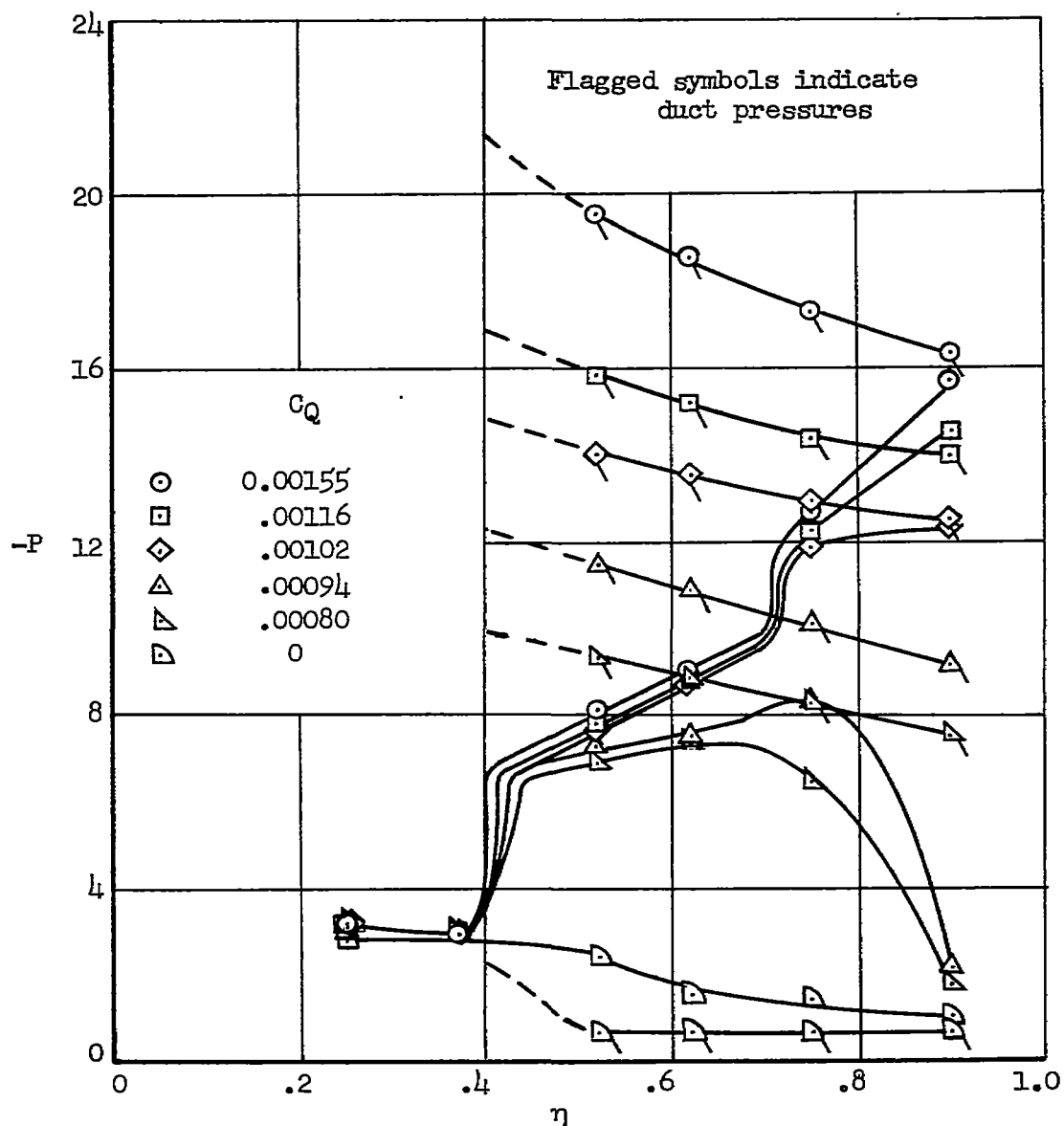
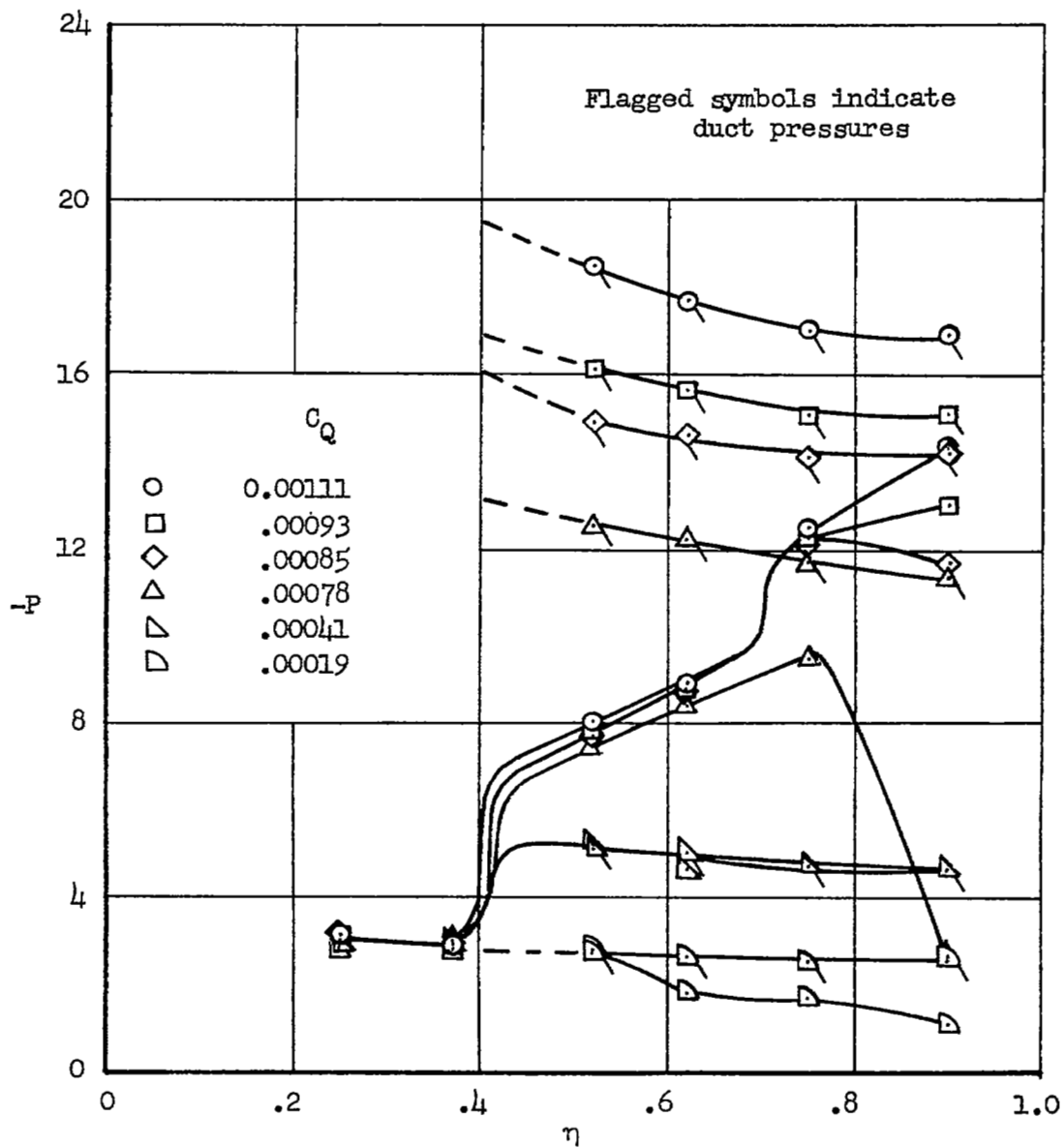


Figure 17.- The variation of lift coefficient with flow coefficient for two porous area configurations: leading-edge flap deflected  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ; modified leading edge,  $\eta = 0.6 - 1.0$ ; small-span flap;  $\alpha = 23^\circ$ .



(a) Porous area 1.

Figure 18.- The effect of flow coefficient and duct pressure on the span-wise variation of minimum pressure at the leading-edge flap knee; leading-edge flap deflected  $30^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ; modified leading edge,  $\eta = 0.6 - 1.0$ ; small-span flap;  $\alpha = 23^\circ$ .



(b) Porous area 2.

Figure 18.- Concluded.